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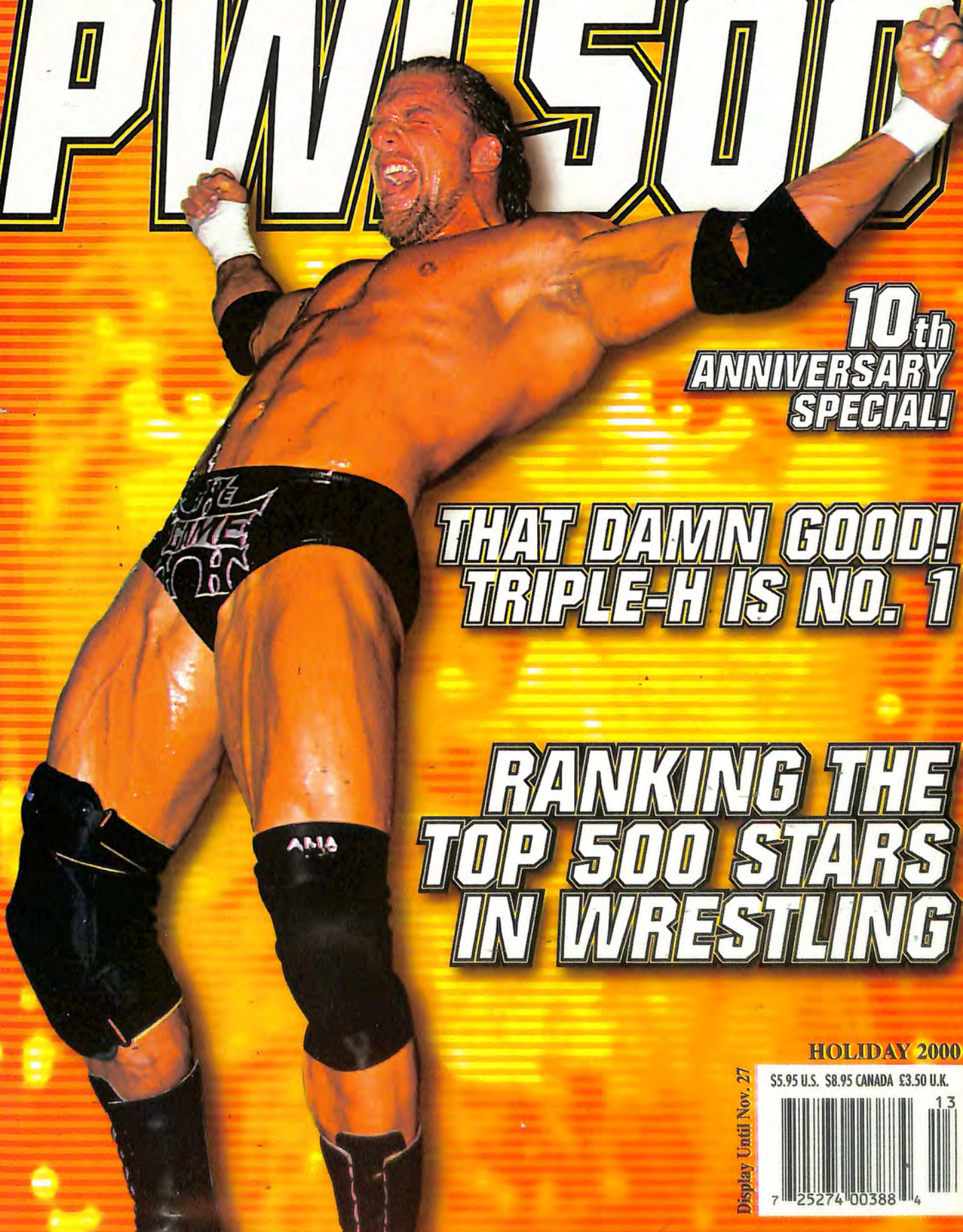

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THOSE OF YOU who know us well know that we are very methodical when it comes to making changes in the publishing philosophy and format of our product. Some would use the word slow. I'd prefer "careful." In the business world, even what might be considered a small change can have lasting—sometimes crippling—consequences later on. That's why we think long and hard about everything we do.

Many of you have written and e-mailed me (londonpub2@aol.com) commenting on the changes that have taken place in PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED over the past several months. Some of our interviews, columns, and feature stories have strayed from the style that was the staple of this family of magazines for more than a generation. We debated long and hard (even longer and harder than we did when compiling the *"PWI* 500"!) before choosing to steer in this direction. In the final analysis, we decided that wrestling in the year 2000 is a sport for all different types of people, all with different reasons for attending events, watching on TV, and reading magazines. What we hope to do is to offer something for every type of fan. Our dual-faceted goal has always been to entertain and to inform. We will never compromise one for the other. Your feedback indicates that you like what you see in *PWI*, and our editorial approach will continue to evolve in the months ahead based largely on what you say.

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I won't even have to wait for your response to the biggest change that has just taken place in *PWI* and the rest of the London Publishing family. All of our magazines are now all-color and printed on coated stock from cover to cover!

We're very enthusiastic about this one change. It's a big one, for sure. But there is more.

Every London title is being reformulated as of this writing. We're adding more pages and coming up with new and exciting departments, columns, and feature concepts. Some of the publishing frequencies will be changing as well. PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED will continue to be published on a monthly basis, but the big news is this: The magazine's page count will increase to 100 pages! And the *bigger* news is this: On alternating months with the regular PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, we will be publishing a 116-page *PWI* special, just like the issue in your hands right now.

There's more. A lot more. And *Inside Wrestling, The Wrestler, Wrestling Superstars,* and *Wrestle America* will all be affected. We can't reveal all of the changes right at this point. All we can tell you is there are plenty of big announcements to come. And you're going to love each and every one of them!

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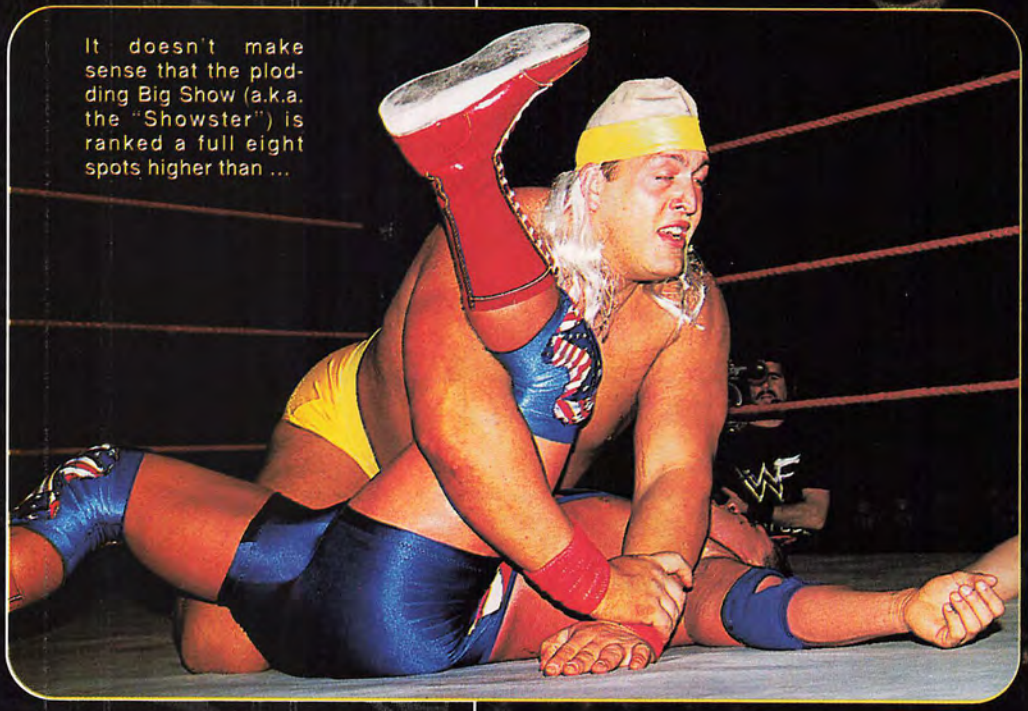

... the high-flying, risk-taking RVD, does it? Yes, it does, but only if you understand the criteria for the "*PWI* 500."

PWI 500

WHAT YOU REALLY OUGHTA KNOW

IF YOU'RE INTO math, here's a thought to ponder: As this is the 10th anniversary of the *"PWI* 500," that means we've ranked a total of 5,000 positions over the past decade!

Impressed?

You're right, the past is the past; it doesn't really matter. What does matter is what follows over the next 74 pages, the Year 2000 *"PWI* 500." It's the only such ranking of its kind in professional wrestling. It's the only place where Triple-H and (single) H and Cory K, Jimmy Z, and X-Pac compete for the same prize—recognition as the number-one competitor in the game, regardless of federation affiliation or national origin.

What does it take to be number one in the "500"? That's a great question because there really isn't a concrete answer. It boils down to a consensus of opinions of a group of people based on a rather loose set of criteria. It's a little of all of the following (in no particular order):

•The best technical wrestler

•The most effective wrestler

•The most influential wrestler

•The most successful wrestler against the highest grade of competition

•The most successful wrestler against the most diverse competition

Once we decide which man deserves the number-one spot, we examine the remaining candidates, apply the same criteria, and select number two, then three, then four, and so on. It is not an exact science. There is plenty of room for dissenting opinion, and we welcome your feedback. Just remember that we have chosen to confine ourselves to the following guidelines:

•The rankings are based on performance from August 1999 through August 2000.

•By ranking a wrestler in a position above another wrestler, we are not saying that the higher-ranked wrestler is necessarily better or that he would beat the lower-ranked wrestler. Among the points taken into account are the wrestler's pound-for-pound abilities and how active he (or she) was for the year.

•Wrestlers are not ranked on their pure wrestling ability, though it is taken into consideration. Success in wrestling is measured by wins and losses, and if a wrestler can brawl his way to victory, that's fully acceptable. Winning with the aid of outside interference is not looked highly upon.

•Injuries can either drop a wrestler off the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list—DL—designation) or placed in what might appear to be an inappropriate spot (i.e. Rob Van Dam at 24).

One recommendation: Read the "500" in one sitting. It adds perspective and helps you keep track of who has been ranked. It should take the average reader about three hours (depending on how mad you get along the way!).

As mentioned, we welcome your feedback on the "500." You can reach us at *"PWI* 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can e-mail us at betweenfalls@aol.com

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[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 1999 *"PWI* 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 1999 but not 2000, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the *"PWI* 500," follow the listings.]

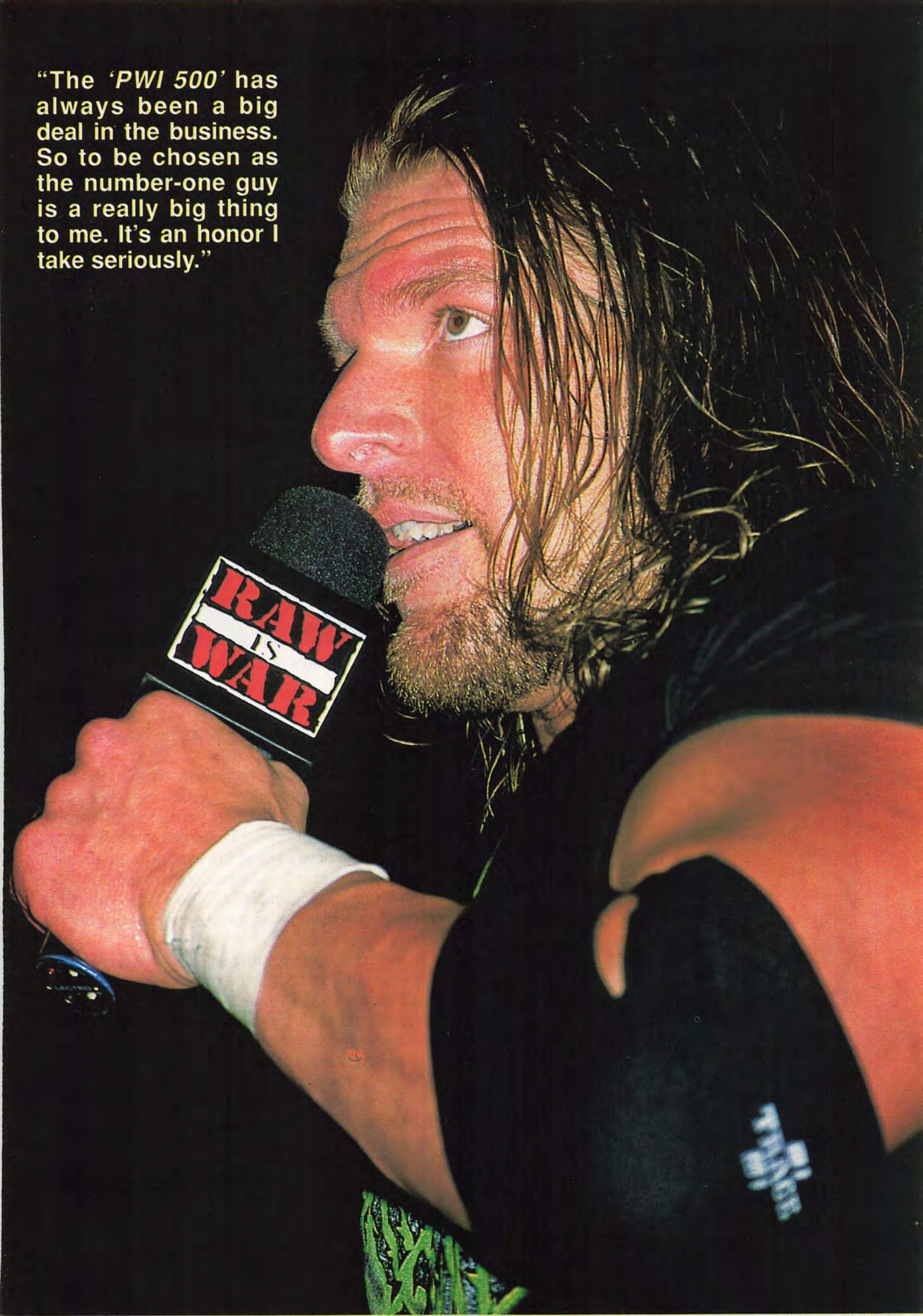
THAT DAMN GOOD!

"The Game" Earns The Number-One Spot In The "PWI 500"

Maybe The Rock was more popular. Perhaps Jeff Jarrett won more titles. But no wrestler gave us more thrills in 2000 than Hunter Hearst Helmsley

By Frank Krewda

THE LAST YEAR has been filled with irony for Hunter Hearst Helmsley. He married into the McMahon family, whom he once terrorized as a member of DeGeneration X, and he established himself as one of the most dominant and respected wrestlers in the sport while also becoming one of the most hated in WWF history.


"The *'PWI 500'* has always been a big deal in the business. So to be chosen as the number-one guy is a really big thing to me. It's an honor I take seriously."
RAW IS WAR

(Terra Ryzing on the indy scene)

(WCW's Jean-Paul Leveque)

When Hunter was feuding with (and getting slopped by) Henry Godwinn five years ago, no one, except maybe Hunter himself, saw him as a future WWF main-eventer.

But if you put personal feelings aside and judge the four-time WWF World champion by his body of work from August 1999 to August 2000, no other wrestler matches up.

Like him or hate him, Triple-H made the fans take notice, often against seemingly insurmountable odds. He has, for example, had to deal with numerous injuries and with, at times, Vince McMahon attempting to hold him down. His ability to transcend adversity has earned him the begrudging respect of the fans—if not their admiration. And the sometimes-arrogant, oft-reviled star savors the sweet irony of his rise to the top.

"The fact that people respect what I've done in the last year is surprising, since most of them hate me. But I've never been one to care about popularity contests," he said. "I've always done things my way and never worried about what the fans think. So for them to hate me, but still think of me as the WWF's MVP or something is pretty cool. Still, it's the opinion of my peers that matters most. Being number one in the *'PWI* 500' is a bigger honor than winning any fan poll."

Just as rewarding for Triple-H has been disproving the critics who predicted a career of mid-card futility for him—even as recently as a year ago.

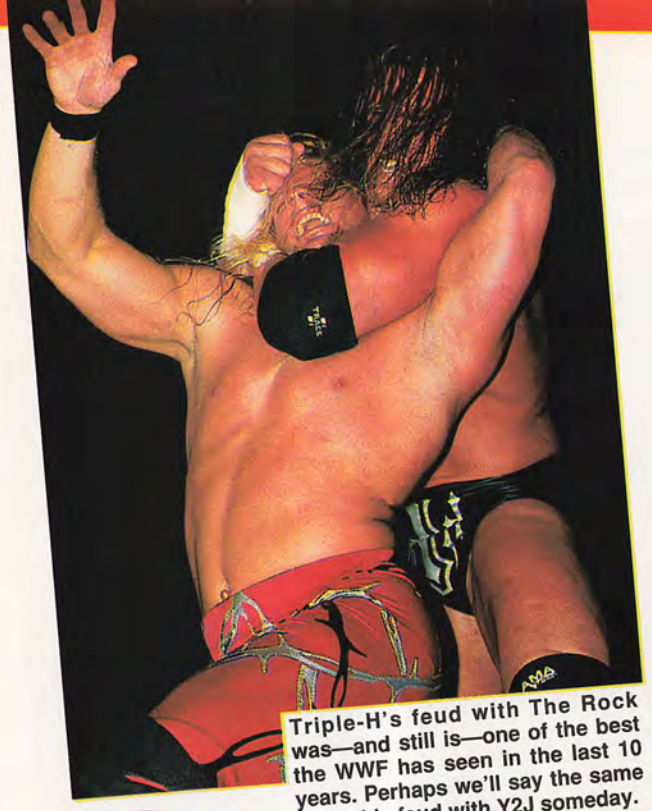
"Actually," said Hunter, "I think I was having some great matches several years ago, but nobody was paying attention because they weren't main events. I always had the talent to be in the main event, but I had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get there. Part of it was because of my style. I'm not a flashy guy. I'm not into flashy moves or catchphrases. Being consistent and telling a good story with my matches was always more important to me."

Even without moonsaults and a cute tag line, Helmsley proved to be the model of consistency once he made it to the main event—stealing the show at many WWF pay-per-views in a spate of high-intensity title matches. Whether he was fighting for the gold or settling personal vendettas, the WWF fans knew they were getting maximum effort out of the loathsome Triple-H. His violent clash with Cactus Jack in a "Hell In A Cell" match at No Way Out and a taxing duel with Chris Jericho in a last man standing match at Fully Loaded proved that Helmsley was both willing and able to be the consistent main-eventer that some doubted he could be. His war with The Rock, highlighted by a thrilling 60-minute bout at Judgment Day, is the clear front-runner for *PWI's* Feud of the Year in 2000.

By the time Triple-H took over leadership of DX, his true talent and versatility were beginning to emerge.

(faux Frenchman Hunter Hearst Helmsley)

(all decked out at the Slammys)



Triple-H's feud with The Rock was—and still is—one of the best the WWF has seen in the last 10 years. Perhaps we'll say the same about his feud with Y2J someday.

"Those people who said I wouldn't get past the mid-card, I have no time for them. I've dealt with that perception my whole career. Those kind of doubters will always be around waiting for me to fall. I'll just go out there and do what I do best."

To Hunter's credit, figuring out what he does best these days isn't easy. Remarkably, it's been more than "The Game's" game that has improved over the past 12 months. Helmsley has evolved from an irreverent rogue who used to ad-lib smutty one-liners into one of the WWF's most compelling all-around performers. The WWF has squeezed nine months out of his "marriage" to Stephanie McMahon, and interest in their volatile union seems to be as strong as ever.

Also, while The Rock can control a crowd with the twitch of an eyebrow, the WWF faithful react just as strongly (although negatively) to Helmsley's sarcastic mike work. For better or worse, no performer in the sport right now can agitate quite like Triple-H can. As the villain, he's that damn good! Yet, despite his occasionally abhorrent behavior, Helmsley has displayed all the best qualities of a champion and a leader.

He has wrestled hurt on many occa-

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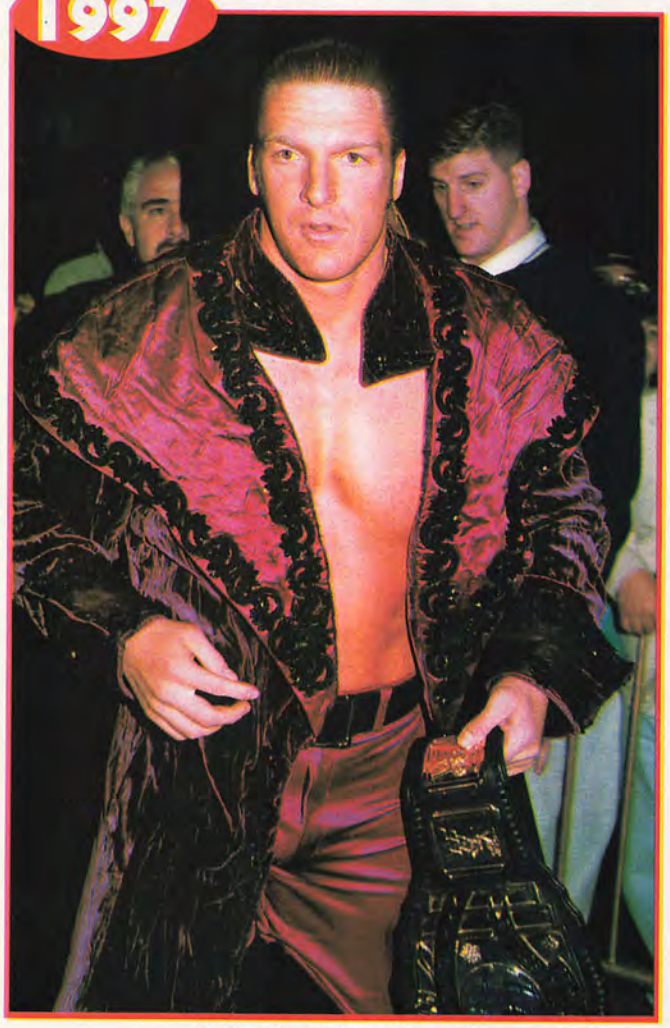

(during the first I-C title run)

1998

(Triple-H the DeGenerate)

(more serious and more dangerous)

(his year to shine)

sions (can you remember the last time he wasn't at a televised WWF event?), and during his WWF World title reigns, he granted title shots to up-and-comers such as Taka Michinoku, Rikishi, Chris Jericho, and Kurt Angle, thus helping to elevate these young talents into major WWF stars. It's a duty that many professional wrestlers do not relish. Like all great athletes, Helmsley has made many of those around him better.

When you look at Triple-H's improvement over the past year and ponder his performance in so many key matches, as our editorial staff did, it's difficult to argue against him as a consensus number-one choice.

We expected Hunter to agree, but he sounded uncharacteristically humble when we asked him about winning top honors.

"This is great," he said. "The *'PWI* 500' has always been a big deal in the business. So to be chosen as the number-one guy is a really big thing to me. It's an honor I take seriously."

And if repeating this year's success seems unlikely, Helmsley assures us that 2000 was only the beginning.

"If you thought I gave you all I had to get this far, imagine what I have left. Imagine where I'm going to take you in the future." □

Dave Lenker contributed to this story.

Hunter has only gotten hotter and more interesting since getting paired on-screen with Stephanie McMahon.

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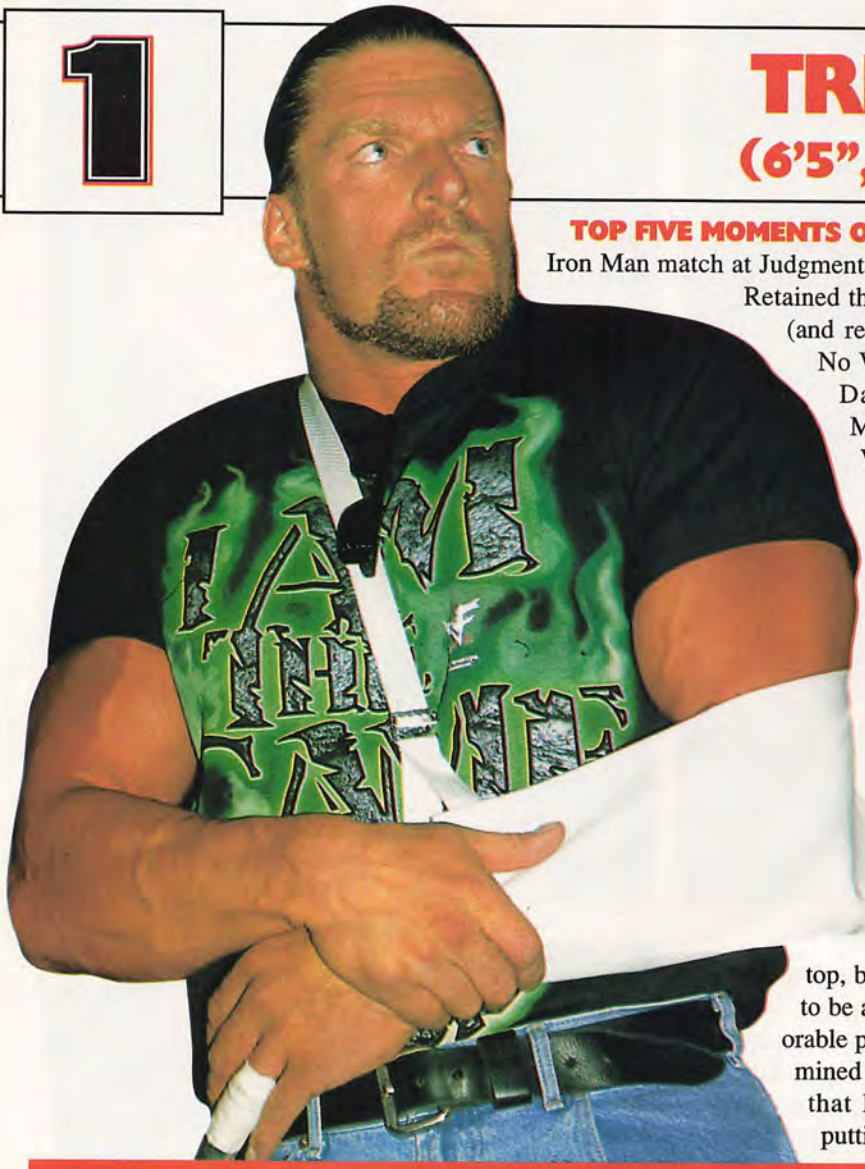
TRIPLE-H
(6'5", 279, 9, 26)



TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated The Rock in an Iron Man match at Judgment Day to win his fourth WWF World title. 2. Retained the WWF World title by beating Cactus Jack (and retiring him) in a "Hell In A Cell" match at No Way Out. 3. Won a six-pack challenge over Davey Boy Smith, The Big Show, Kane, Mankind, and The Rock to win the vacant WWF World title at Unforgiven. 4. Defeated The Rock, The Big Show, and Mick Foley at WrestleMania 2000 to retain the WWF World title. 5. Defeated Chris Jericho in a last man standing match at Fully Loaded.

HE SAID IT: "It's definitely an honor to be ranked number one. Being the top guy in the *'PWI* 500' really is a big deal, and I'm very happy about it. To be recognized by your peers as the best in the business is something that means a lot to me as well. I realize there were people who even as recently as a year ago said that I wasn't a guy who had what it took to go all the way to the top, but I never lost sight of the fact that I wanted to be a guy who was consistently putting on memorable performances in the main events. I was determined to do everything I possibly could to reach that level, and it's nice to be recognized for putting the time and effort in to get there."

Pedigree time for The Rock!

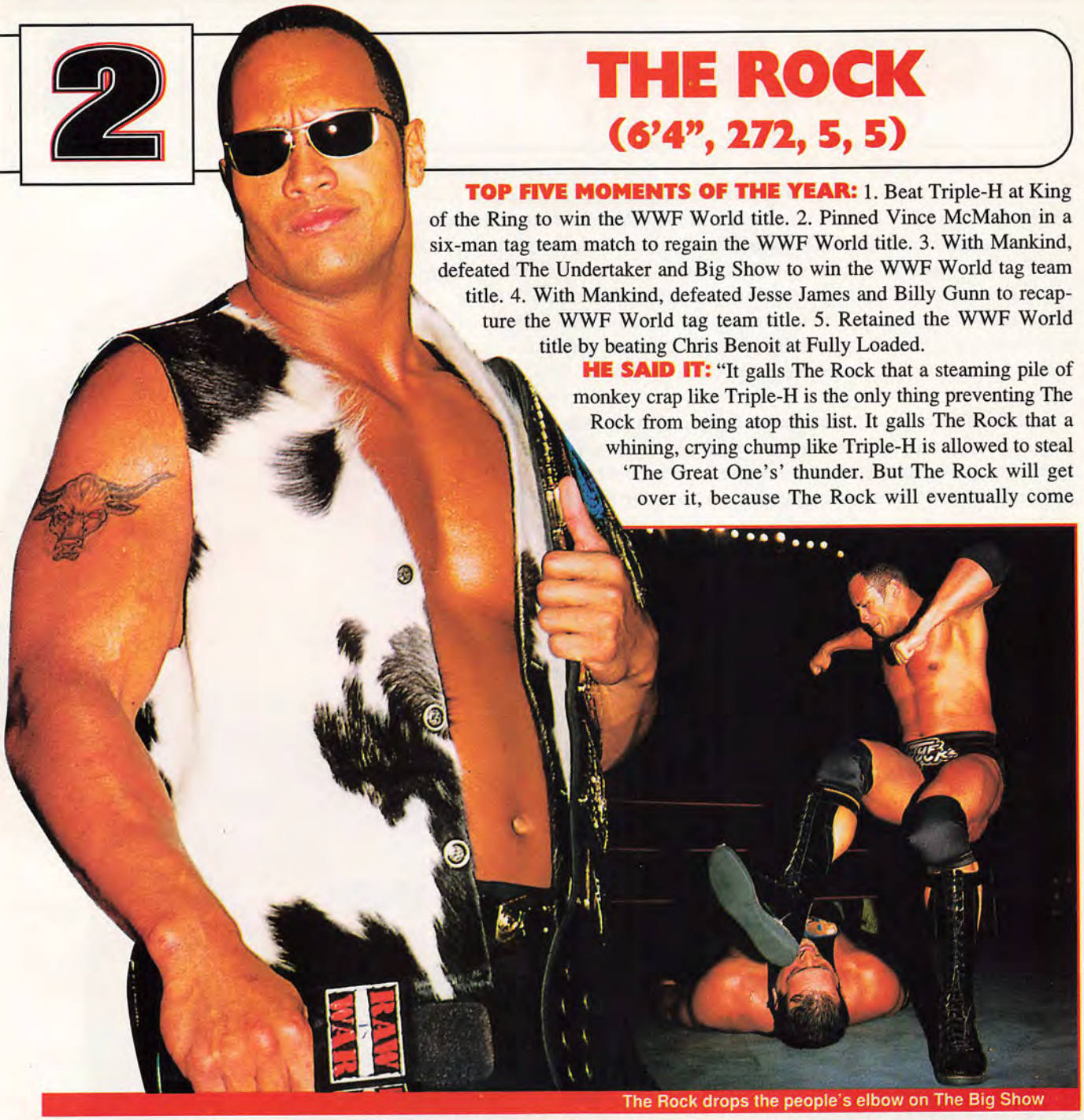
PATH TO THE TOP 10: 225th in 1994; 84th in 1995; 79th in 1996; 31st in 1998; 26th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Just because Triple-H finished first in the *"PWI* 500" doesn't mean he can't climb any higher in the sport. After all, he didn't have the WWF World title at press time. Triple-H currently has his hands full with Chris Jericho and Angle while The Rock defends his WWF World title against the likes of Angle, Triple-H himself, and Chris Benoit. But regardless of who they are tangling with, more one-on-one Rock-HHH showdowns are never too far off. If Triple-H has proven anything in the last 12 months, it's this: It will take more than injuries and company politics to bump him from the title scene. That's why another World title reign is a definite, maybe one as a fan favorite. Still, Helmsley demonstrated that you don't need a belt to wrestle like a champion. No wrestler put on as many riveting performances as Triple-H did in the last year, and no wrestler performed as consistently. Yes, he is that damn good.

2 THE ROCK
(6'4", 272, 5, 5)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat Triple-H at King of the Ring to win the WWF World title. 2. Pinned Vince McMahon in a six-man tag team match to regain the WWF World title. 3. With Mankind, defeated The Undertaker and Big Show to win the WWF World tag team title. 4. With Mankind, defeated Jesse James and Billy Gunn to recapture the WWF World tag team title. 5. Retained the WWF World title by beating Chris Benoit at Fully Loaded.

HE SAID IT: "It galls The Rock that a steaming pile of monkey crap like Triple-H is the only thing preventing The Rock from being atop this list. It galls The Rock that a whining, crying chump like Triple-H is allowed to steal 'The Great One's' thunder. But The Rock will get over it, because The Rock will eventually come nose-to-nose with the biggest nose in the game. Then, after The Rock sends Triple-H home with his tail tucked between his legs and stuck up his candy ass, The Rock will be put in that number-one spot, if you can smell what The Rock … is cookin'."



The Rock drops the people's elbow on The Big Show

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 167th in 1996; 103rd in 1997; 11th in 1998; 5th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Hollywood, most likely. The Rock's busy schedule—which included time on the set of the *Mummy II* and a comedic stint as the host of *Saturday Night Live*—cut into his wrestling time last year. He also authored his best-selling autobiography, *The Rock Says*. Miraculously, these commitments didn't affect his performance in the ring, but his frequent absences from the WWF afforded Triple-H extra air-time on *Raw* and *Smackdown* and ample time to heal nagging injuries. And now that The Rock is the WWF champion, a title, we remind you, he won without pinning Triple-H, The Rock finds himself targeted by none other than Chris Benoit and Shane McMahon, two of the most dangerous individuals in the game today. Add to that the knowledge that Triple-H also figures to come knocking for another shot at the belt before too long, and The Rock is faced with quite a quandry. If The Rock doesn't dedicate more time to being WWF champion and less time to being a star, this year may prove tougher than last.

CHRIS BENOIT
(5'10", 218, 14, 20)

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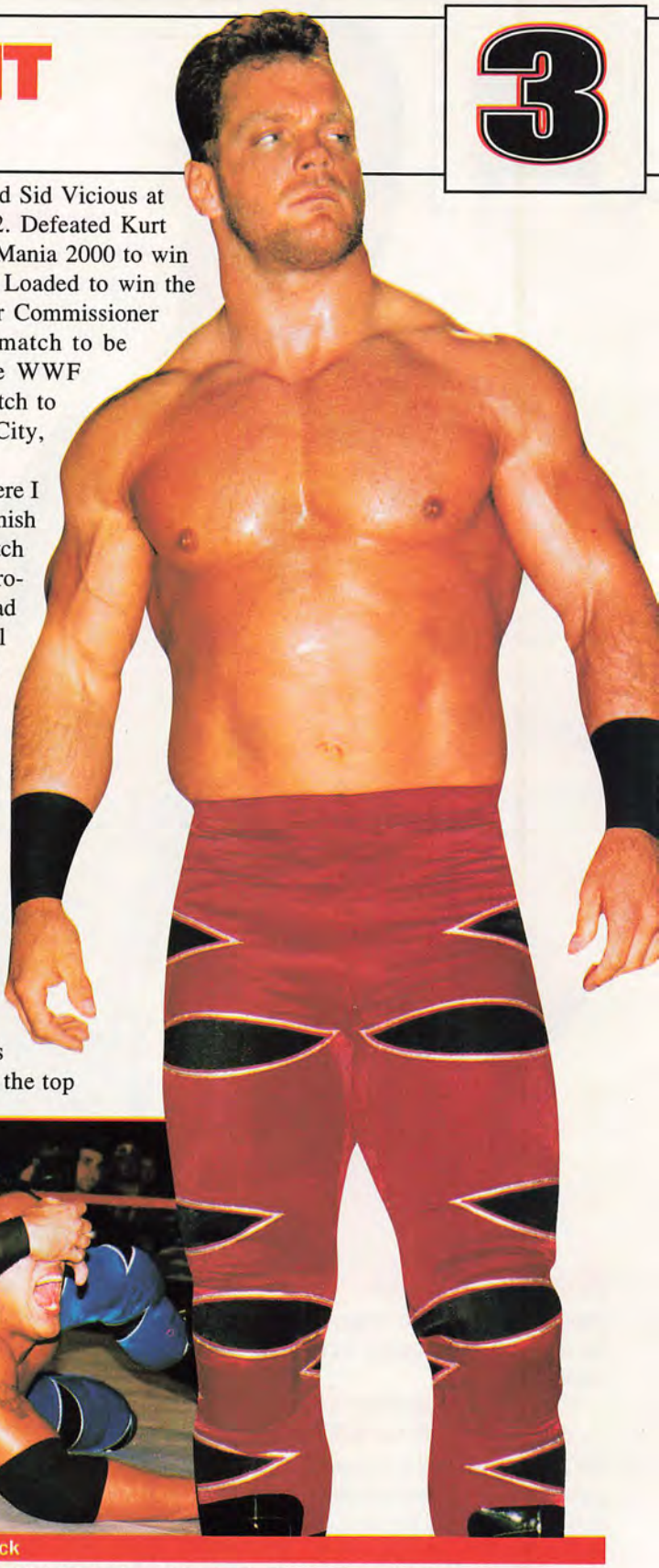
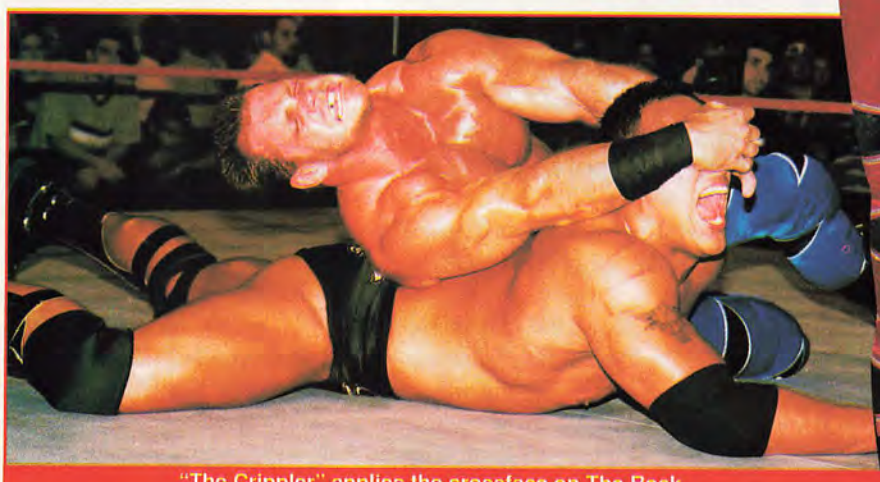


TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Sid Vicious at Souled Out to win the WCW World heavyweight title. 2. Defeated Kurt Angle and Chris Jericho in a three-way match at WrestleMania 2000 to win the Intercontinental title. 3. Defeated The Rock at Fully Loaded to win the WWF World title, though he was the eventual loser after Commissioner Mick Foley overturned the decision and ordered the match to be restarted. 4. Defeated Chris Jericho to reclaim the WWF Intercontinental title. 5. Lost to Bret Hart in a tribute match to Hart's brother, Owen, at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri.

HE SAID IT: "I don't care about a fancy ranking or where I sit on your list. But to have a technical wrestler like me finish fourth just proves that you don't need to have a clever catch phrase or naked females in the ring with you to rise in this profession. All you need is talent and heart. And I've always had plenty of both. That's what makes me the best technical wrestler in the history of the WWF. People say, 'Oh, that Benoit, he's always bragging about what a great technical wrestler he is.' Well, let me tell you, it's not bragging if you can back it up."

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 107th in 1991; 99th in 1992; 44th in 1993; 43rd in 1994; 46th in 1995; 18th in 1996; 10th in 1997; 19th in 1998; 20th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Of all the recent WCW crossovers, Benoit has enjoyed the most success in the ring, although fan reaction to the "Canadian Crippler" has been tepid. The Internet crowd still regards him as one of the best pound-for-pound performers in the world—maybe the best. His lack of size hasn't hurt him in his recent battles with The Rock, although his lack of color on the mike may prevent him from rising to the top of the bill a second time if he doesn't win the WWF World title during this feud. Some fans think he already won the belt at Fully Loaded, but commissioner Mick Foley overturned the decision and re-started the match, which Benoit subsequently lost. As talented as he is, Benoit needs to win the World title immediately, because he may never be given a chance this golden again.



"The Crippler" applies the crossface on The Rock

4 KENTA KOBASHI
(6'2", 265, 12, 24)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Vader to win his third All-Japan Triple Crown. 2. Won this year's Champions Carnival tournament by defeating Takao Omori in the finals. 3. Retained the Triple Crown by pinning former partner Jun Akiyama. 4. Retained the Triple Crown by defeating Omori. 5. Sided with Mitsuharu Misawa and the NOAH group, thus vacating the Triple Crown and departing from All-Japan.

HE SAID IT: "I hope that my fans around the world will be loyal to me in the coming months. I have shown everyone that I could rise from the ashes, rebuild myself after surgery, and claim the Triple Crown one more time. I vanquished the behemoth Vader. I won the Champions Carnival. More importantly, however, I have made a move for my own independence. More important than all of my accomplishments this year is my decision to join NOAH and leave my legacy in All-Japan behind me. Now, as I have before, I must rise again. The business practices of All-Japan made it difficult for me to face new challenges. NOAH will give me the chance to test myself against different wrestlers more than ever before. I will at last be able to battle the best in all the world, and I will prove myself worthy of the distinction of placing among the top 10 in professional wrestling."

Kobashi unmasks Vader

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 69th in 1993; 37th in 1994; 64th in 1995; 4th in 1996; 15th in 1997; 6th in 1998; 24th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: For Kobashi, it's goodbye, All-Japan, and hello, NOAH. In all his years of competition, Kobashi has remained a star only in his home promotion of All-Japan. Now, with Misawa's departure and the subsequent mass exodus, Kobashi is poised to let the entire world know how good he really is. At the time he left All-Japan, Kobashi was the promotion's number-one guy. But because of All-Japan's isolationist business practices (which kept the number of challengers to the Triple Crown to a minimum), Kobashi was regarded by some as a subpar champion. With Misawa's vision of a more modern wrestling company, NOAH could at last bring Kobashi what he has always wanted: a chance to wrestle a wider array of opponents. In the last five years, he has wrestled hundreds of matches, but primarily against the same 10 to 15 wrestlers. Now, under the banner of a new promotion, he'll get the opportunity to face some of the same wrestlers, but new ones as well. Kobashi will grow as NOAH grows, and the future looks bright for both.

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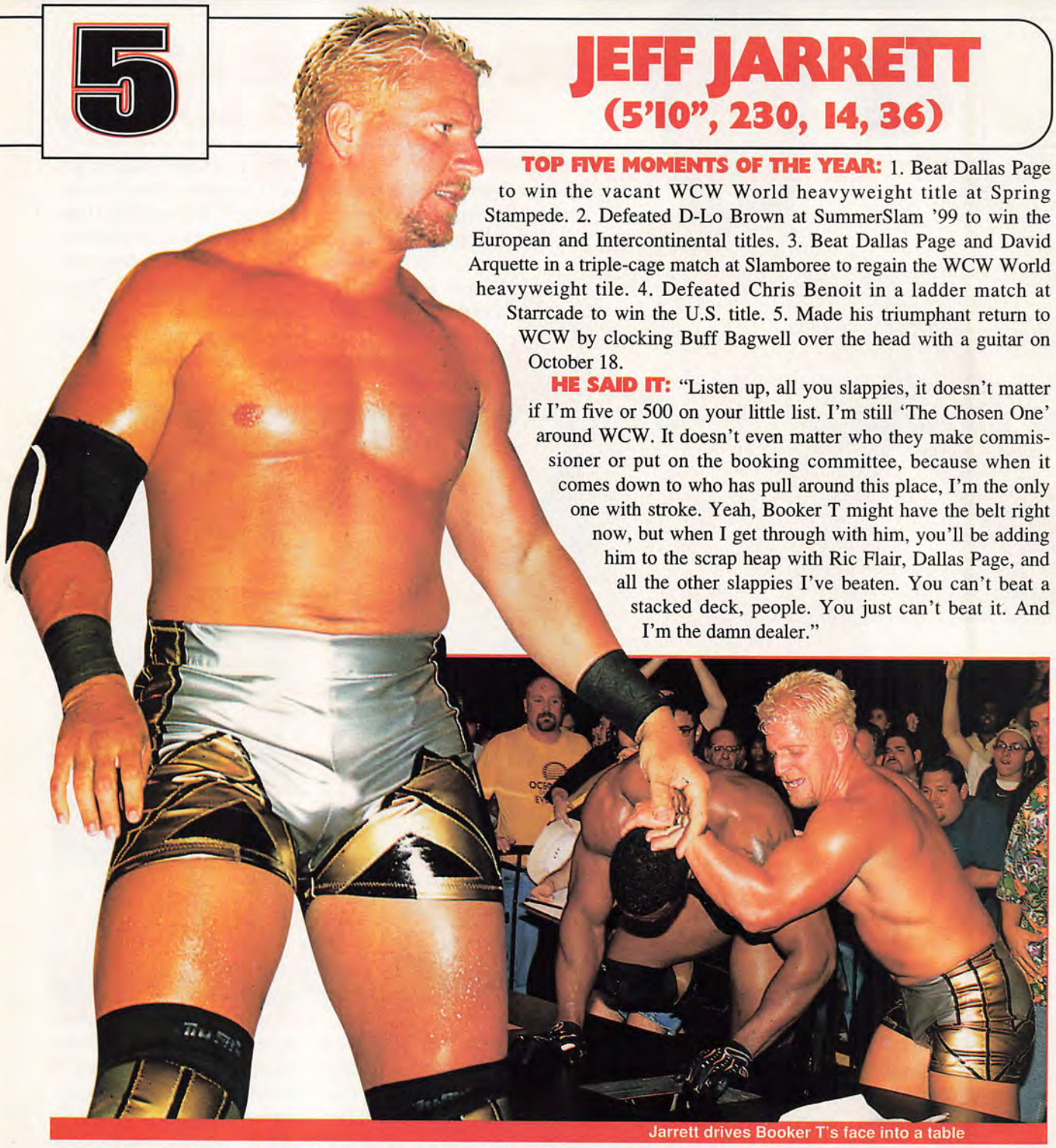
JEFF JARRETT
(5'10", 230, 14, 36)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Beat Dallas Page to win the vacant WCW World heavyweight title at Spring Stampede. 2. Defeated D-Lo Brown at SummerSlam '99 to win the European and Intercontinental titles. 3. Beat Dallas Page and David Arquette in a triple-cage match at Slamboree to regain the WCW World heavyweight tile. 4. Defeated Chris Benoit in a ladder match at Starrcade to win the U.S. title. 5. Made his triumphant return to WCW by clocking Buff Bagwell over the head with a guitar on October 18.

HE SAID IT: "Listen up, all you slappies, it doesn't matter if I'm five or 500 on your little list. I'm still 'The Chosen One' around WCW. It doesn't even matter who they make commissioner or put on the booking committee, because when it comes down to who has pull around this place, I'm the only one with stroke. Yeah, Booker T might have the belt right now, but when I get through with him, you'll be adding him to the scrap heap with Ric Flair, Dallas Page, and all the other slappies I've beaten. You can't beat a stacked deck, people. You just can't beat it. And I'm the damn dealer."



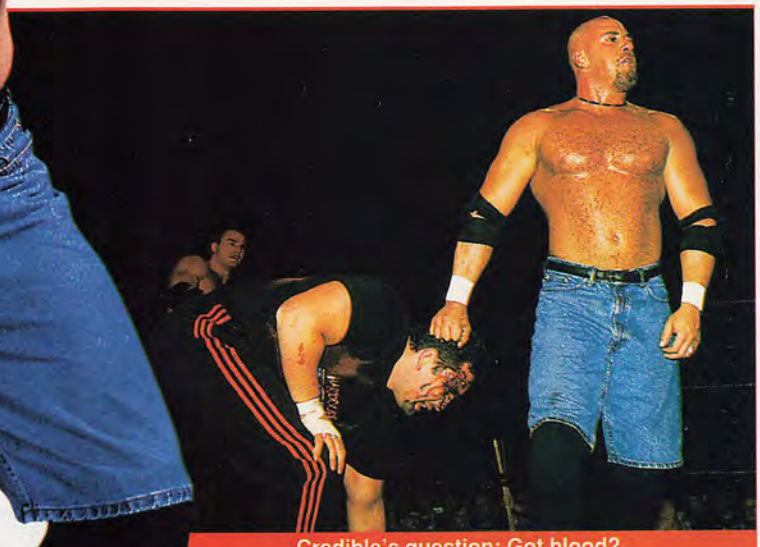
Jarrett drives Booker T's face into a table

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 28th in 1991; 26th in 1992; 22nd in 1993; 35th in 1994; 11th in 1995; 26th in 1996; 17th in 1997; 43rd in 1998; 36th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Jarrett hasn't been nearly as successful since his good buddy Vince Russo stopped appearing on camera regularly. Granted, Jarrett won a few titles since coming to WCW last October, but most of the victories were tainted. Had he won more matches on his own merits, without WCW's political machine working in his favor, Jarrett's future in WCW might be a little brighter and his placement in the "500" a little higher. Sure, Jarrett's a solid wrestler, but don't look for him to rely on his skills to get the belt back from Booker T. Instead, Jarrett will most likely find some underhanded way to stay in the title picture. Getting his way with Ernest Miller in charge has not been easy. At one point or another, Jarrett has alienated just about everyone in WCW with his arrogance. He has very few allies in WCW, so repeating last year's success will be difficult, if not impossible.

6 JUSTIN CREDIBLE
(6', 225, 8, 81)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Tommy Dreamer at Cyberslam 2000 to win the ECW World title. 2. Retained the ECW World title by defeating Tommy Dreamer at HeatWave 2000. 3. With Lance Storm, defeated Raven and Mike Awesome to win the ECW World tag team title. 4. With Lance Storm, defeated Masato Tanaka and Tommy Dreamer to win the ECW World tag team title. 5. Gained a vital win by pinning Sabu at Anarchy Rulz.



Credible's question: Got blood?

HE SAID IT: "Who had the year I did? Nobody. I drove Sabu and Shane Douglas out of the federation. I won the World tag team belts with Lance Storm twice. I beat Tommy Dreamer's ass for the World title faster than you can say extreme. I got Francine, the hottest valet in the world, with me, and I'm kicking ass in the toughest wrestling promotion in the world. Nobody had the year I had. In fact, nobody even came close to having the year I had. But I'm not even in the top five? What the hell's wrong with you people?"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 299th in 1994; 125th in 1995; 155th in 1996; 160th in 1997; 81st in 1998; 85th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: With the defections of ECW superstars Tazz, The Dudley Boyz, Shane Douglas, and Mike Awesome, ECW Owner Paul Heyman had no choice but to elevate Credible. Still, Credible deserves credit for seizing his opportunity the second it presented itself at Cyberslam 2000. He took the ECW World title from Tommy Dreamer in less than eight minutes, and he also took Francine away from Raven. Credible has proven to be a fighting champion, and a damn fine one, too. But one has to wonder if his susceptibility to concussions—which revealed itself last year—will eventually cost him the title. And he still hasn't faced ECW's current favorite son, Rob Van Dam, in singles action. Until he does, and chances are he will very soon, some fans will continue to doubt his qualifications for the World championship. His accomplishments as a tag team wrestler with Lance Storm shouldn't be overlooked, but Credible proved he wasn't a team player when he abandoned his half of the tag title before Storm went to WCW. A showdown with RVD will prove how credible Justin really is.

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MIKE AWESOME
(6'6", 292, II, NL)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated Tazz and Masato Tanaka in a three-way dance at Anarchy Rulz to win the ECW World title. 2. Defeated Masato Tanaka to win his second ECW World title. 3. As ECW World champion, crashed the set of *Monday Nitro* and attacked Kevin Nash. 4. Retained the ECW World title by defeating Spike Dudley at Guilty as Charged. 5. Beat Dallas Page in an ambulance match the Great American Bash.

HE SAID IT: "All my hard work must have made it hard for you people to overlook me this year. After all, I've been wrestling since 1990 and this is only the second time that I've been honored with one of your prestigious rankings. That's okay, though, I'm used to being disrespected. People goof on me all the time. They make fun of my hair. They make fun of the ladies who accompany me to the ring. But there's nothing funny about the broken bodies I leave in the ring. Just ask Dallas Page. Ask Hulk Hogan. Ask Spike Dudley. They'll tell you all about my penchant for destroying people's careers."

Awesome whips "Big Poppa Pump" to the ropes

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 418th in 1995

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Awesome started the year in fearsome fashion by demolishing anyone who came near him. His matches against Spike Dudley, Masato Tanaka, and Kid Kash set new standards for brutality and provided the local lumberyard with quite its share of wood chips. Even by ECW's standards, Awesome was a truly brutal champion. But Awesome has been less impressive in WCW. In fact, he's been almost the exact opposite of what he was in ECW. In ECW, Awesome was a lawless killer and one of the promotion's most dominant champions ever. In WCW, Awesome's the "Fat Chick Thriller." He comes to the ring with an overweight lady on each arm, basically inviting ringside fans to throw pairs of oversized panties into the ring and encouraging WCW's announcers to make comments about his mullet. Make no mistake, when he decides to wrestle, Awesome is capable of beating anyone—including Kevin Nash, Sting, or Scott Steiner. He already has vital wins against Hulk Hogan and Dallas Page. But until he drops the comedy, wrestling fans will never take him as seriously as they did when he was the ECW World champion.

8 JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 222, 17, 15)

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Won the Super J Cup tournament by defeating Shiima Nobunaga in the finals. 2. Retained the IWGP junior heavyweight title by defeating top contender Koji Kanemoto. 3. Retained the IWGP junior heavyweight title by defeating martial arts fighter Minoru Tanaka. 4. Challenged and nearly beat IWGP heavyweight champion Kensuke Sasaki for the title, despite the difference in weight class. 5. Regained the IWGP junior heavyweight title by defeating Psicosis, who was defending the belt for an injured Juventud Guerrera.

HE SAID IT: "Being placed among the 10 best wrestlers in the world for the third time is an accomplishment of which I am most proud. This year has been one of the best for me personally, as I captured the Super J Cup for a second time and broke all records as IWGP junior heavyweight champion. I hope in the years to come I will prove to be an equal force in the heavyweight division of New Japan. It is my goal to be known as a continued influence in the world of professional wrestling, and my visits to North and South America are an effort to show my abilities to fans everywhere. As the face of wrestling has changed, I have learned to adapt so that I can remain among the best athletes active today. It pleases me that PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED continues to honor me by recognizing my technique and desire."

Liger ties up El Samurai

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 27th in 1991; 18th in 1992; 21st in 1993; 21st in 1994; 143rd in 1995; 38th in 1996; 9th in 1997; 9th in 1998; 15th in 1999.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Liger seems destined for greatness no matter where he goes and no matter what direction he chooses to take his career. His position as the most dominant and influential junior heavyweight wrestler of the last 10 years is beyond reproach. Liger isn't the type to sit back and marvel at his own success, however. Constantly seeking new challenges, and perhaps inspired by the success of lighter wrestlers like Chris Benoit, Liger has focused on becoming a serious contender for the IWGP heavyweight title. Even though he lost in his title shot, Liger continues to find tag team matches against heavyweights and even competed in the G1 Climax tournament, which is specifically for heavyweights, this year. It might take a while for him to find his niche in the heavyweight ranks, but Liger has never failed to persevere. Whether it will lead him to heavyweight gold and another slot among the 10 best in the world remains to be seen.

CHRIS JERICHO
(5'10", 225, 10, 29)

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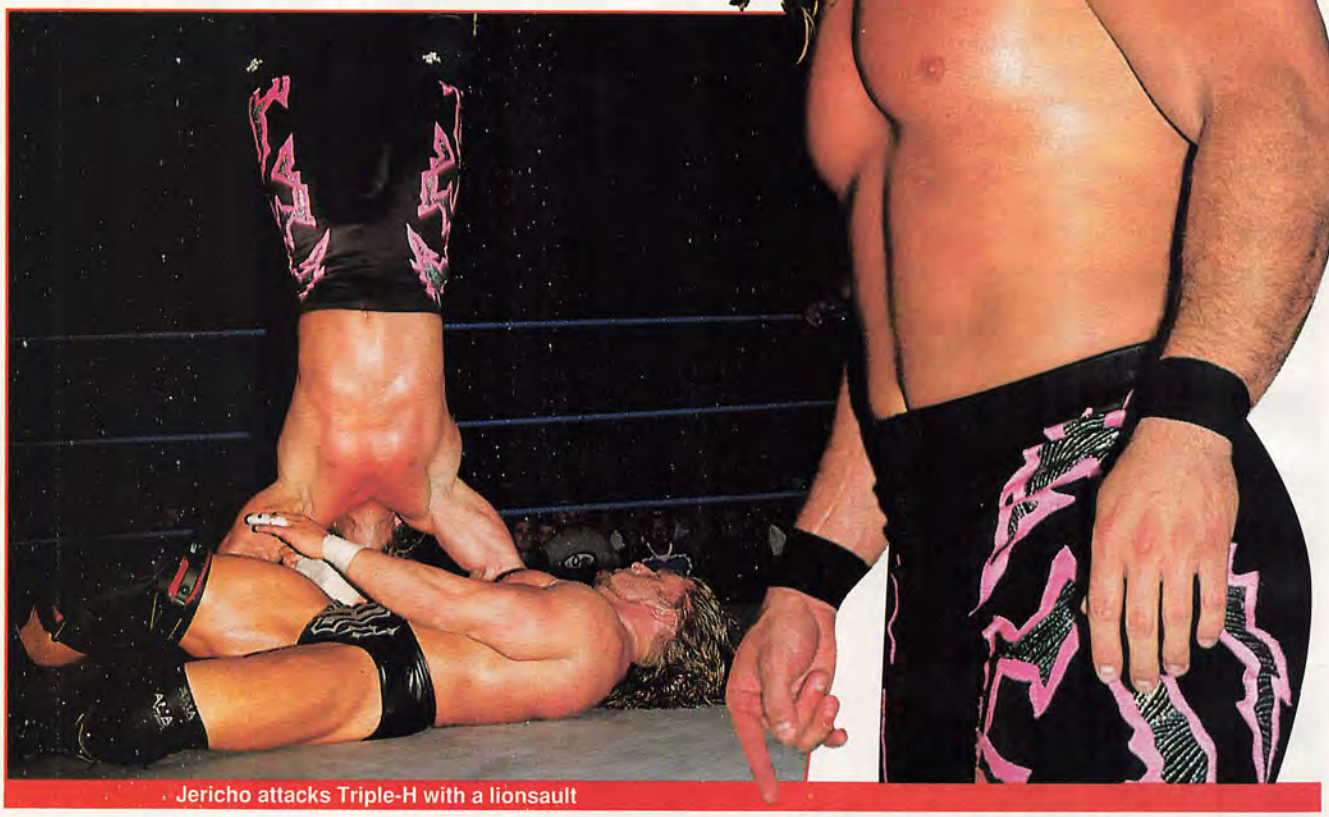
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Defeated WWF World champion Triple-H for the title, but referee Earl Hebner reversed the decision after being threatened by Triple-H. 2. Defeated WWF co-Intercontinental champion Chyna at the Royal Rumble to become the undisputed Intercontinental champion. 3. Won his second Intercontinental title when he defeated Chris Benoit. 4. Pinned Chris Benoit in a three-way match also involving Kurt Angle at WrestleMania 2000 to win the European title. 5. Drew critical acclaim in a losing effort against Triple-H in a "Last Man Standing" match at Fully Loaded.



Jericho attacks Triple-H with a lionsault

HE SAID IT: "Number nine? That's preposterous! It's an outrage! My legions of 'Jerichoholics' won't stand for it. How dull, lifeless clods like Triple-H and Chris Benoit can rate higher than Y2J is beyond me. I am the most charismatic and naturally gifted wrestler anywhere in the world. Come on, *PWI*! Get with the program! Don't you see the reaction I get every time I make my entrance on *Raw Is Jericho*? Will somebody please tell me what I have to do to get the respect I deserve? I know it's hard being this good, but for cryin' out loud!"

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 42nd in 1996; 26th in 1997; 10th in 1998; 29th in 1999

WHERE HE'S HEADED: After a shaky start in the WWF, Jericho has distinguished himself as one of the best pure wrestlers in the federation, and also one of the most entertaining. His quick wit on the microphone has earned him many fans, but has also made him quite a few enemies in the WWF. Personal feelings aside, it is difficult for anyone to deny that Jericho is every bit as good as he thinks he is. Triple-H's commentary on the *Raw* following their "Last Man Standing" match at Fully Loaded showed us that much. But his loss to Triple-H in that important match indicates that he's not quite up to Helmsley's standard. On the other hand, the fact that he stretched Helmsley to his physical and mental limits suggests that he's not too far off. Can Jericho prove that he does indeed belong with the WWF elite? He'll certainly earn plenty of chances to do so. Odds are good that he'll have held the WWF World title by this time next year.

KENSUKE SASAKI
(5'10", 263, 14, 96)

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TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR: 1. Won the IWGP heavyweight title by defeating Genichiro Tenryu. 2. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title by beating The Great Muta. 3. Won the 2000 G1 Climax tournament, defeating Manabu Nakanishi in the finals. 4. Teamed with Yuji Nagata on New Japan's first pay-per-view to defeat Manabu Nakanishi and Yutaka Yoshie. 5. Retained the IWGP heavyweight title by defeating Jushin Liger, the reigning IWGP junior heavyweight champion.

HE SAID IT: "It has been an uphill battle for me to fight my way into the top 10 of this prestigious ranking. I have finally proven that I can be a strong champion, and I am humbled by the international recognition that PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED has accorded me for my efforts this year. My fighting spirit will only grow, as I aspire to become the greatest IWGP heavyweight champion ever, not only to honor my mentor, Riki Choshu, but to honor my fans as well. Perhaps I will even ascend to the top of this ranking if I can put myself to the test and succeed. I have beaten men like Sting and Scott Hall before, and I can do it again. It is my goal to be counted not only among the best in Japan, but around the globe."

Sasaki and Tenryu take it to the outside

PATH TO THE TOP 10: 50th in 1993; 59th in 1994; 44th in 1995; 70th in 1996; 36th in 1997; 23rd in 1998; 96th in 1999.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: As the "Path To The Top 10" indicates, Sasaki has been an inconsistent performer over the last five years. The year 1999 proved to be his most difficult to date, and this is the first year he has cracked the top 20, let alone the top 10, of the "500." For Sasaki to remain among the elite for another 12 months, he's going to have to concern himself more with his title reign than with the problems of his hero, Riki Choshu. Sasaki languished in a feud with Atsushi Onita last year, the point of which was to draw Choshu out of retirement. But Sasaki has turned things around for himself nicely. With big victories over the likes of Genichiro Tenryu, The Great Muta, and Jushin Liger in the last year, he's managed to completely change New Japan fans' perception of him. Now, armed with his signature Northern Lights bomb, Sasaki is ready to tackle the best in his native country—provided he can stay focused. After that, it will be time for Sasaki to branch out. New Japan's working agreement with WCW (Sasaki is a former WCW U.S. champion) could allow him to return to the United States and challenge some of America's biggest stars again.

11 VADER (6'5", 450, 15, 18) This superstar became a two-time All-Japan Triple Crown champion with his defeat of Mitsuharu Misawa in October ... Also won All-Japan's International tag team titles with Steve Williams ... Arm surgery prompted his withdraw from the annual Champion's Carnival tournament ... Has wrestled for New Japan, FMW, the WWF, and WCW ... Powerhouse who mauls his opponents ... Still attempts an occasional moonsault ... Favorite move is the power bomb.

12 SCOTT STEINER (6', 275, 15, 17) "Big Poppa Pump" barely resembles his former high-flying self ... Sports massive 26-inch biceps and a "freak" named Midajah ... Massive muscle mass has him limited to power moves, but he occasionally throws a Frankensteiner at his opponents ... Has become notorious for his quick temper and loud mouth ... Despite taking several months off to recover from back surgery, he remained at the top of his game.

13 KURT ANGLE (6'1", 232, 1, NL) Olympic gold medalist hasn't endeared himself to WWF fans ... Briefly held the Intercontinental and European titles simultaneously ... Wound up losing both in a tough match with Chris Jericho (who won the European) and Chris Benoit (who took the I-C) at WrestleMania ... Likes to preach his three "I's" (intensity, intelligence, integrity) ... Also won this year's King of the Ring, beating Rikishi in the finals ... Peculiar relationship with Stephanie McMahon has made him a target of Triple-H ... Uses the Olympic slam (whirling fireman's carry) as a finisher.

14 MITSUHARU MISAWA (6'1", 238, 20, 3) Tore the Japanese wrestling scene apart in June when he announced his departure from All-Japan Pro Wrestling and the subsequent creation of a new promotion called NOAH ... Legendary feuds with Kenta Kobashi, Toshiaki Kawada, and Tsuruta helped make him a superstar ... Destroys opponents with an array of elbow and forearm blasts ... Former five-time Triple Crown champion ... Lost his most recent Triple Crown championship to Vader in October '99 ... Patented move is called the emerald erosion.

15 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 18, 22) "El Enmascarado de Plata," the man in the silver mask, carries on the proud Lucha Libre tradition of his father, El Santo ... Long-time rival of Negro Casas with whom he teams on rare occasions ... Feuding with El Hijo del Diablo ... Has held practically every welterweight, tag team and trios title in Mexico ... Made a few appearances in the United States, where he battled independent star Mike Quackenbush; the two vied for the FWA title ... Pet hold is the camel clutch.

16 THE BIG SHOW (7'2", 500, 5, 34) Revealed a new side of his personality after a hilarious appearance on *Saturday Night Live* ... Began impersonating WWF wrestlers past and present ... Did a hilarious Hulk Hogan, Val Venis, and Show-kishi ... Good relationship with Shane McMahon got him into the main event at WrestleMania, but the two split soon after ... A former WCW and WWF world champ ... Now back with Shane ... He held the WWF tag title with The Undertaker (who's now his arch-enemy) ... Crushes his foes with his choke-slam.

17 DALLAS PAGE (6'5", 260, 9, 6) The master of the Diamond cutter has been plagued by back problems ... His wife, Kimberly, became self-obsessed and struck out on her own, siding with Vince Russo and Eric Bischoff; she also tried to divorce Page ... Feuded with Jeff Jarrett, defeating Jarrett to become a three-time, three-time, three-time WCW World champion ... Quit WCW after losing an ambulance match to Mike Awesome at The Great American Bash, but he should return soon.

18 SID VICIOUS (6'8", 318, 13, 63) WCW's "Millennium Man" had a topsy-turvy year in WCW ... Lost to Bill Goldberg in a bloodletting at Halloween Havoc ... In a match for the vacant WCW World title, lost to Chris Benoit in controversial fashion ... After Benoit was stripped of the title, Sid defeated Kevin Nash to win the belt ... Despite being a dominant champion, was stripped of the title when Vince Russo and Eric Bischoff relaunched WCW and declared all titles vacant on April 10 ... Has all but disappeared.

19 RHINO (6'1", 285, 6, 241) "The Man Beast" has had a very big year in ECW ... Steve Corino brought the big man to ECW, but he hasn't needed much help from Corino ... He was Rob Van Dam's opponent when RVD broke his ankle executing a baseball slide ... Won the ECW TV title from Yoshihiro Tajiri ... Got help from Cyrus and the rest of The Network in doing so ... Feuded with The Sandman for most of the year, attacking Sandman's wife, Lori Fullington, numerous times ... Put her in the hospital when he piledrived her from the ring apron through a table on the floor.

20 EDDIE GUERRERO (5'8", 219, 12, NL) Turned up the Latino heat on Chyna and persuaded her to break her alliance with Chris Jericho ... Has dedicated his career to the memory of his tag team partner Art Barr ... Left WCW with Chris Benoit, Perry Saturn, and Dean Malenko in January; the quartet landed in the WWF and called themselves The Radicals ... Dislocated his elbow while executing a frog splash in his first WWF match in January, but bounced back two months later ... No longer uses that move ... Won the European title with Chyna's help a day after WrestleMania, but lost it to Saturn at Fully Loaded.

21 MASATO TANAKA (6', 235, 7, 86) One of the most successful Japanese stars ever to appear in ECW ... Won the ECW World title in December 1999, but lost it back to Mike Awesome six days later ... Came off a 14-hour flight from Japan to help Tommy Dreamer capture the ECW tag team title from The Impact Players ... They lost the belts to Mike Awesome and Raven a week later ... Still a huge star in FMW in Japan, where he teams with Mahoney, Hayabusa, and others ... Pet move is the diamond dust, a flipping Ace crusher from the second turnbuckle ... Originally thought to be the next Atsushi Onita, Tanaka has shown he has the talent to be a star regardless of the style he adopts.

22 KEIJI MUTO (6'1",. 245, 16, 7) Still dons the face paint and adopts his Great Muta persona, most recently in a return to WCW ... Recurring knee injuries often keep this New Japan star out of action ... The dragon screw is a vital point of his offense ... A hated rival of Masa Chono; they debuted at about the same time ... Defeated Atsushi Onita in a no-rope barbed-wire barricade-mat electric-land mine double-hell death match, who mocked Muto by creating a face-painted character called the Great Nita ... Stays away from the moonsault press, a move that was synonymous with his rise to superstardom ... Former three-time IWGP heavyweight champion now likes to use the figure four.

23 YOSHIHIRO TAJIRI (5'7", 224, 6, 51) "The Japanese Buzzsaw" finally saw how Cyrus was merely using him and broke away from The Network in ECW ... Defeated Super Crazy for the ECW TV title in April, but subsequently lost it to Rhino at Cyberslam 2000 ... Briefly teamed with former arch-enemy Super Crazy in an attempt to win the ECW tag team title ... Inventor of the tarantula hold ... Standout in Big Japan Pro Wrestling appeared in New Japan and AAA before finding a home in ECW ... Weakens opponents with his hard kicks to the back and head ... Likes using the brainbuster and dragon suplex.

24 ROB VAN DAM (6', 237, 10, 2) "Whole F'n' Show" was out of action from January 29 to May 14 with a broken leg suffered in a match against Rhino in Florida ... The injury forced him to give up the ECW TV title after a record-breaking 22-month reign ... Added a move called the Van Terminator to his already formidable arsenal ... Lost his first match back after the injury to Jerry Lynn when best friend Scotty Anton turned against him ... Got revenge against Anton by pinning him at HeatWave ... Uses a perfect blend of solid martial arts kicks and spectacular high-risk moves ... Inventor of the split-legged moonsault likes to put foes away with a five-star frog splash.

25 DR. WAGNER JR. (5'9", 215, 14, 16) This veteran *rudo* feuded with Tarzan Boy this year ... Often teams with Blue Panther and Black Warrior with whom he's won the CMLL trios title ... The trio is also feuding with Rayo de Jalisco Jr., Mr. Niebla, and Perro Aguayo Jr. ... Has held the CMLL light heavyweight title three times and the CMLL tag team and UWA junior heavyweight titles once each ... Likes to use the Wagner driver (a Michinoku driver II), but also favors the *martinete*, a tombstone piledriver.

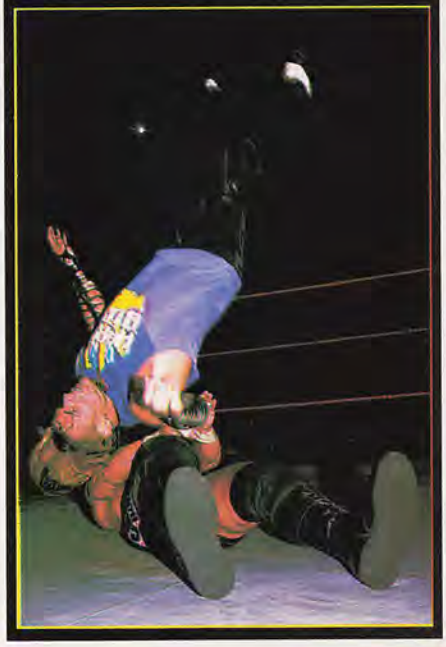
26 STING (6'2", 260, 14, 12) WCW's franchise player has been embroiled in a heated feud with Vampiro for a good part of the year ... Turned rulebreaker by hitting Hulk Hogan with a baseball bat to capture his seventh NWA/WCW World title at Fall Brawl ... That was soon forgotten ... Lost to Goldberg in a non-title match at Halloween Havoc ... Was lit on fire and thrown off the top of the TurnerTron at The Great American Bash by Vampiro ... Returned to competition wearing a mask to hide his supposed disfigurement ... Still one of wrestling's biggest stars.

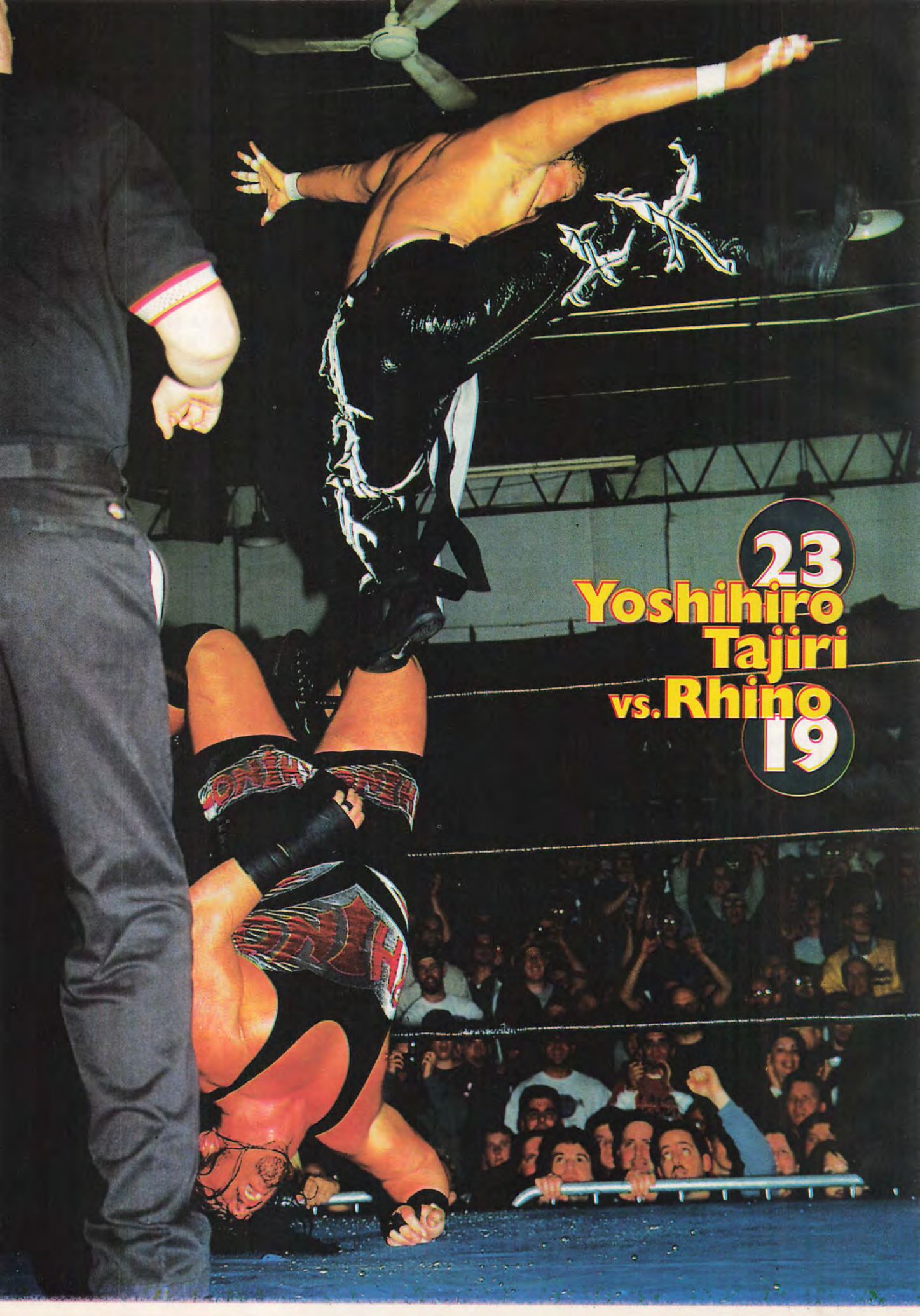
27 RIKISHI (6'2", 423, 14, NL) Popular but feared competitor is known as much for his dance routine as he is for delivering the reviled stink face ... WWF veteran has finally found his niche as a singles wrestler after competing as one-half of The Headshrinkers for years ... Previous stints as anti-drug crusader Fatu and The Sultan were forgettable ... Made an impressive showing at this year's King of the Ring tournament, blowing past Chris Benoit and Val Venis before losing to Kurt Angle in the finals ... Briefly held the I-C belt this summer ... Arm injury has slowed his ascent to heavyweight dominance ... Teams with his pals in Too Cool from time to time.

28 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 265, 11, 162) Some dreams really did come true for "The Innovator Of Violence" this year ... He won the ECW World tag team title with Masato Tanaka, then defeated Tazz to finally become ECW World heavyweight champion ... Just a few minutes later, however, Justin Credible upset Dreamer in an impromptu title match ... Back injuries hinder him more and more as time goes on ... Feuds with Steve Corino, Credible, and Raven kept him busy ... Also lost Francine to Raven, seemingly got her back, then lost her to Credible in the World title match.

29 MANABU NAKANISHI (6'1", 266, 6, 131) International star teams with Yuji Nagata in New Japan Pro Wrestling; the two lost the IWGP tag team titles to Hiroyoshi Tenzan and Satoshi Kojima in July ... His feud with Tenzan has been particularly lengthy ... Destined for greatness in the singles ranks of New Japan, he made headlines with a stellar performance in this year's G1 Climax ... Loves to make opponents submit to his Argentinian backbreaker.

30 JEFF HARDY (6', 214, 6, 76) Young fan favorite ignites WWF audiences with his breathtaking aerial moves and high-risk style ... Teams regularly with his brother, Matt; the two have had classic matches with Christian and Edge ... Former WWF World tag team champion ... Also feuding with the Dudleys, who put the Hardys' valet at the time, Terri, through a table ... After working with Terri, Michael Hayes, and Gangrel, he and Matt finally decided they didn't need a manager (though they are usually seconded by Lita) ... Master of a scintillating senton variation he calls the swanton bomb.

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31 VAMPIRO (6'3", 235, 11, 119) Dark, mysterious rulebreaker is one of WCW's New Blood ... Originally teamed with Sting, calling him his "brother in paint" ... The relationship soured, and a bitter feud was born ... Set Sting on fire and launched him off the top of the TurnerTron at The Great American Bash ... Feuded with The Demon (Dale Torborg), eventually bringing The Demon over to his side ... Reunited with The Insane Clown Posse and is now also allied with The Great Muta ... Has yet to win a title in WCW.

32 TOSHIAKI KAWADA (5'10", 230, 19, 11) Returned to full-time active competition this year with a vengeance ... Streak of bad luck and career-shortening injuries kept Kawada out of the limelight since late-1998 ... Pinned Mitsuharu Misawa on two different occasions, winning the All-Japan Triple Crown both times; the matches ended a 13-year rivalry between the two ... Still teams with Akira Taue; together they captured the All-Japan International tag team titles, beating Takao Omori and Yoshihiro Takayama in a tournament final ... Stayed loyal to All-Japan during the defection of Misawa and many of the company's other top stars through the summer ... Martial arts background helps him break down foes with an array of kicks to the face and head ... Favorite moves include the folding power bomb and the brainbuster.

33 SCOTTY TOO HOTTY (6', 203, 11, 161) He and Grandmaster Sexay (Brian Christopher) didn't accomplish much as Too Much, but they are wildly popular as the hip-hopping Too Cool ... Feuded with Dean Malenko over the long-overlooked WWF light heavyweight title in a string of superb matches ... Self-trained athlete started out in the New England independents ... His dance moves and his favorite maneuver, the worm, always get a huge reaction.

34 KANE (6'7", 345, 6, 13) "The Big Red Machine" took some time off to heal a broken hand and returned as strong as ever ... Feuded seemingly endlessly with X-Pac, who stole Kane's first girlfriend, Tori ... Managed briefly by Paul Bearer earlier this year ... Hides his scarred countenance behind a red and black mask, though he has started talking a lot more ... Almost had a picture of his face revealed on an episode of *Raw*, but the bumbling Pat Patterson and Gerald Brisco proved they couldn't even take a simple photograph properly ... Now back teaming with The Undertaker, but how long until they're feuding again?

35 SHOCKER (5'7", 185, 5, 127) For Luchadores, losing the mask can spell the end of a career; for Shocker, it has rocketed him to the next level ... Now teaming with Scorpio Jr. and Bestia Salvaje as Los Guapos, the trio runs rampant over EMLL ... Has toured with New Japan in the past ... Can wow audiences with any number of spectacular *topes*, huracanranas, and planchas ... Has held the EMLL tag team and NWA light heavyweight titles.

36 CRASH HOLLY (5'9", 225, 12, NL) Former WWF hardcore champion took to defending the title 24 hours a day, seven days a week ... A huge undertaking that made him paranoid and cost him the title several times ... Machinations on the part of Pat Patterson and Gerald Brisco also cost Holly the title a number of times ... Dissolved his tag team with cousin Bob Holly when their relationship disintegrated ... Like Bob, he insists he weighs more than 400 pounds and used to carry a scale to the ring with him.

37 YUJI NAGATA (6'1", 228, 8, 77) Successful singles wrestler also forms a formidable team with Manabu Nakanishi; the two had a strangle hold on the IWGP International tag team title before losing the belts to Hiroyoshi Tenzan and Satoshi Kojima in July ... Seamlessly blends his background in martial arts with submission techniques and sound mat wrestling ... Winning ways still haven't paid off in an IWGP heavyweight title shot ... Can make opponents tap out to a variety of unique holds, but his favorite is the Nagata lock II, a leg submission of his own invention.

38 SABU (6', 220, 10, 32) Former ECW mainstay headed back to the independents when a deal with WCW didn't work out ... Won the heavyweight title in California's Xtreme Pro Wrestling by winning a tournament ... That's the federation with whom ECW is involved in a bitter legal battle ... Hardcore bout with Abdullah the Butcher in XPW was one of the year's most gory affairs ... Also competed in Stampede Wrestling in Calgary ... Constantly searching for new ways to put his body at risk ... Has invented a number of moves, including the Arabian moonsault and the Arabian facebuster ... Signature move is the triple-jump moonsault ... Recently signed with All-Japan.

39 SUPER CRAZY (5'8", 180, 12, 37) "Insane Luchadore" lives up to his name in the rings of ECW ... Defeated Rhino in the finals of the ECW TV title tournament at Living Dangerously on March 12 ... Lost the title a month later to Yoshihiro Tajiri in Buffalo ... Previously wrestled in the WWF as Super Loco ... Had work visa problems this summer, so he began wrestling in AAA while attempting to work that situation out ... Long, bloody feud with Venum Black is the stuff of legend in Mexico ... Picture-perfect springboard moonsault has put many opponents down for the three-count.

40 LANCE STORM (5'10", 225, 10, 69) It didn't take the former Impact Player in ECW long to make an impact in WCW ... He won the U.S. title in a tournament a month after making his debut, then beat Big Vito for the hardcore belt six days later ... Has renamed the U.S. title the Canadian title as a tribute to his homeland ... Never tires of reminding everyone he's from Calgary, Alberta, Canada ... Insists on having the Canadian national anthem played before most of his matches ... Three-time ECW World tag team champion had a great match with former partner Justin Credible in his last ECW appearance ... Credible pinned him at Hardcore Heaven in May ... Uses a half-Boston crab (maple leaf) as his finisher.

41 BOB HOLLY (6'1", 231, 7, 68) Hardcore finally seemed to put his on-again, off-again feud/partnership with cousin Crash behind him this summer ... Was pursuing the Intercontinental and WWF World titles before Kurt Angle broke his arm with a moonsault ... A former WWF World tag team and hardcore champ ... Turned in some particularly impressive showings against Chris Benoit ... Bitter rulebreaker bills himself as a super heavyweight and claims to weigh more than 400 pounds ... Nearly beat World champ Triple-H in a match that aired on *Sunday Night Heat*.

42 JUN AKIYAMA (6'0", 231, 8, 35) Young superstar left his home promotion of All-Japan Pro Wrestling to compete for Mitsuharu Misawa's new company, NOAH ... Popularity soared after nearly winning the coveted Triple Crown on a number of occasions ... Ended his partnership with Kenta Kobashi to better focus on his singles career ... Wears his opponents down with elbow strikes and running knee attacks ... Long string of matches with Mitsuharu Misawa and Vader in the past year failed to provide a needed breakthrough bout ... Suffered a considerable setback when Yoshinari Ogawa upset him in the Champion's Carnival tournament in mere seconds ... His pet move remains the exploder suplex, but he has been known to use a lethal pumphandle variation of the move called exploder '98 as well.

43 RIC FLAIR (6'1", 243, 27, 42) The "Nature Boy" added one more notch, capturing the WCW World heavyweight title with a defeat of Jeff Jarrett on May 15 ... Saved himself from retirement by defeating his son David at The Great American Bash ... Suffered the biggest disgrace of his career when Vince Russo shaved off his legendary golden locks one night later ... Went out with a torn rotator cuff toward the end of the period covered by this year's "500" ... His figure-four leglock is still one of the most deadly submission holds in the sport.

44 SHIIMA NOBUNAGA (5'11", 210, 3, 103) This Japanese phenom has come into his own this year by stealing the show at the J-Cup ... Made it to the finals of tournament, but was pinned by Jushin Liger after a brainbuster ... Considered to be the best young wrestler in Japan ... Ring style is reminscent of Eddie Guerrero's ... Was trained by Ultimo Dragon and wrestles primarily for Toryumon ... Uses the mad splash as his finisher which is a frog splash from the top rope.

45 MATT HARDY (6', 211, 6, 100) High-flying fan favorite is a veteran of the Carolina independents ... He and brother Jeff are among the WWF's top tag teams ... Long-running feuds with the Dudleys and Edge and Christian have yielded some of the finest matches WWF fans have seen in some time ... Though he is perceived as the more conservative Hardy inside the ring, Matt does use a dangerous moonsault to the floor ... Likes to polish off his opponents with the twist of fate, a swinging Ace crusher variation.

46 BLACK WARRIOR (5'10", 195, 14, 45) This Torreon, Coahuila, native is the nephew of Blue Panther ... Signature moves include the catapult facebuster and the top-rope Frankensteiner ... Has held the CMLL trios title as well as the NWA light heavyweight title ... Has a very bright future as one of the top stars of EMLL.

47 GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 180, 10, 48) After spending a short period of time as a rulebreaker, returned to his fan favorite ways ... Nagging knee injuries haven't kept this high-flyer out of the air; his quebrada moonsault is still the most graceful in the game ... Splits his time between Michinoku Pro and competition in Mexico with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Defeated Kaz Hayashi in the first round of this year's Super J-Cup ... Favorite finisher is the power bomb.

48 DEAN MALENKO (5'9", 216, 20, 21) Single-handedly restored some credibility to the WWF light heavyweight championship ... After failing to spark a revolution in WCW, joined the WWF at the same time as his three fellow Radicals, Chris Benoit, Perry Saturn, and Eddie Guerrero ... Matches with Scotty Too Hotty for the light heavyweight title were even bouts, with the two men trading decisive victories ... Looks out of place walking to the ring with scantily clad women ... Tenacious veteran has wrestled extensively overseas, as well as for ECW ... Trademark hold is still the Texas cloverleaf.

49 ATLANTIS (5'6", 185, 17, 82) Feuded with Villano III over the CMLL light heavyweight belt this year ... A match between them headlined EMLL's first pay-per-view to air in Mexico ... A former CMLL tag team, EMLL NWA middleweight, and National trios champion ... A well-traveled *technico* who has also wrestled in Japan ... A skilled technical wrestler.

50 KEVIN NASH (7', 356, 10, 14) Always the center of controversy, "Big Sexy" found himself being both hated and loved by the fans ... Sometimes plays to the sophomoric members of the crowd too much with his antics ... Spent more time talking than wrestling this year ... Has held both the WCW and WWF World singles and tag team titles ... Currently feuding with Goldberg ... Utilizes the power bomb as his finisher.

51 EDGE (6'4", 240, 7, 83) Most fans thought he'd be wise to disassociate himself from Gangrel, and they were right; he and Christian have held the WWF tag team championship twice and have somehow managed to beat all the top teams in the WWF ... They usually do it by cheating ... Much more self-obsessed now than when he debuted in the WWF ... Many of their matches against The Hardy Boyz have been classics ... Held the I-C belt for a day last summer ... Favorite move is the downward spiral, a backward side Russian legsweep that sends opponents into the mat face-first.

52 TATSUHITO TAKAIWA (5'10", 227, 7, 112) Took another step towards superstardom this summer when he won the annual "Best of the Super Junior" tournament, defeating Shinjiro Otani, his tag team partner, in the finals ... Otani and Takaiwa have held the IWGP junior tag team title longer than any other duo ... Powerful grappler likes to destroy opponents with stiff lariats ... Already well-established in the tag team ranks, Takaiwa now shows signs of breaking out as a singles competitor ... Keeps up with the competition using a wide array of power moves, including a repeating power bomb he converts into a Death Valley driver.

53 BUH BUH RAY DUDLEY (6'2", 325, 6, 64) Pursuit of the WWF tag team title put he and partner D-Von in the spotlight, but their penchant for putting men and women through tables has made them extraordinarily popular ... Lost a brutal tables match to the Hardys at the Royal Rumble ... Fans were horrified when he put Mae Young through a table with a super bomb ... Sidelined Terri for a spell after putting her through a table as well ... Enters a trance-like state after putting anyone through a piece of furniture ... Double-team move the Dudleys call a 3D is a devastating finisher.

54 JERRY LYNN (5'7", 224, 12, 49) "New F'n Show" came back from a broken ankle with renewed vigor and a new attitude ... No longer had that admirable nice guy disposition ... Decided he'd do whatever he had to do to accomplish his goal of winning the ECW TV title ... Hasn't done that yet ... Finally got his win over Rob Van Dam at Hardcore Heaven, but not before Scotty Anton betrayed RVD ... Previously known as Mr. J.L. in WCW, and Sultan Gargola in Michinoku Pro ... Cradle piledriver is his favorite maneuver.

55 TAZZ (5'9", 248, 13, 10) This street thug was the ECW World heavyweight champion when the WWF came calling last September ... Lost the belt to Mike Awesome in September, then made his WWF debut in January ... Sometimes referred to as a human wrecking machine ... Started his WWF career by choking out then-undefeated Kurt Angle at the Royal Rumble ... Regained the ECW World title during the Mike Awesome fiasco and appeared with the belt on *Raw* and *Smackdown* before losing it to Tommy Dreamer ... Feuded off and on with The Radicals throughout the year ... Tore his triceps muscle in the spring and returned a few months later with an even nastier attitude ... Began randomly attacking WWF fan favorites ... Likes to make opponents tap out to his Tazzmission.

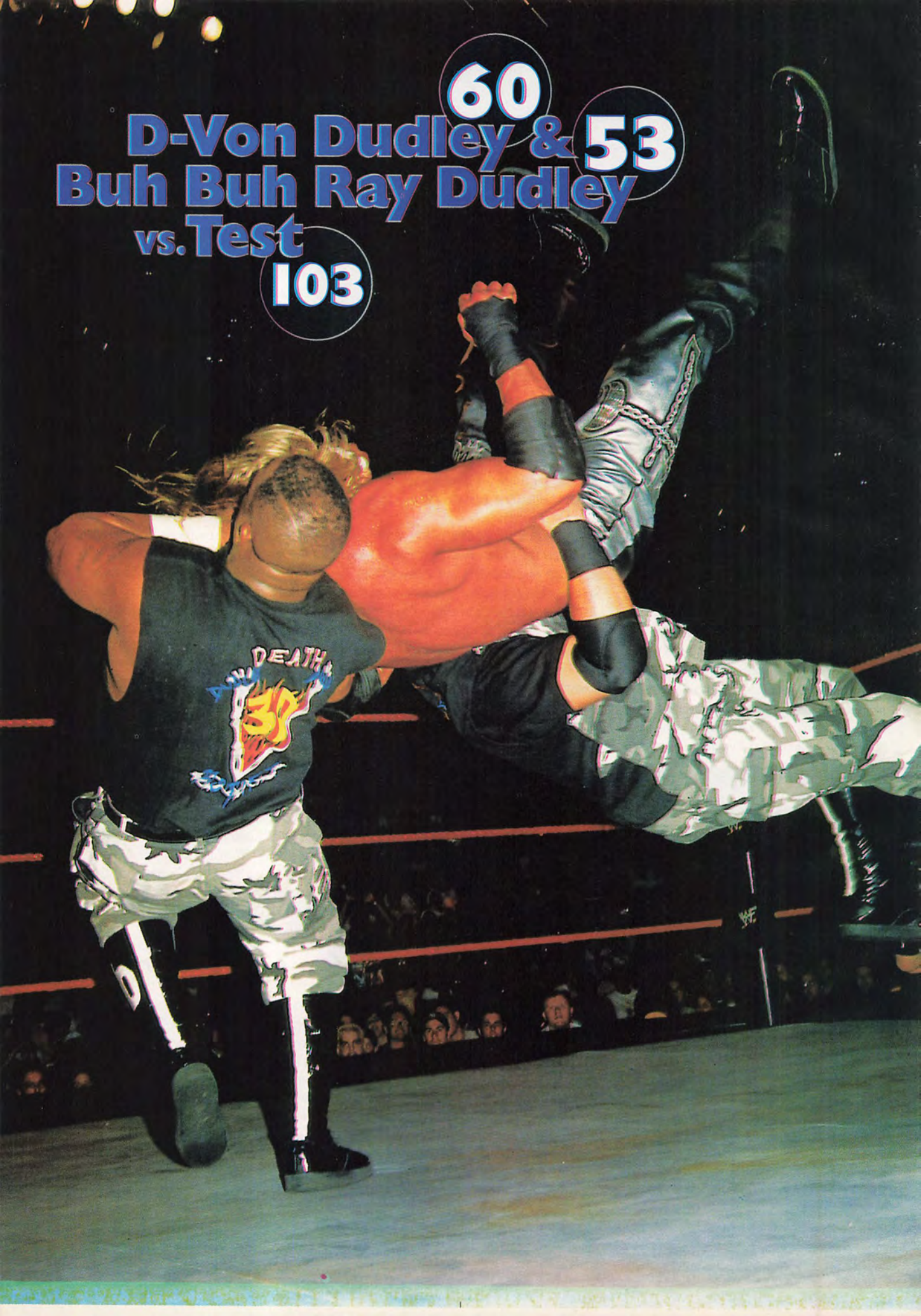
56 MASA CHONO (5'11", 245, 17, 54) Hated rulebreaker of New Japan Pro Wrestling has been slowed by serious back and neck injuries in the last few years ... First broke into wrestling alongside Shinya Hashimoto and Keiji Muto; now he and Muto are hated rivals ... Former IWGP heavyweight and tag team champion ... Hasn't been able to reconcile with long-time partner Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Occasionally aligns himself with Atsushi Onita and AKIRA ... Possesses a brutal Yakuza kick to the face ... Scaled back his touring schedule a bit in the last year ... Learned the STF from Lou Thesz; it has remained one of his signature holds for almost a decade.

57 CHRISTIAN (6'1", 225, 5, 90) Finally landed atop the tag team ranks by winning the championship with long-time partner Edge at WrestleMania ... Lost the belts to Too Cool on May 29, but won them back at King of the Ring ... Much better off now that he has severed all ties with the bizarre Gangrel ... Feuds with The Hardy Boyz and The Dudley Boyz have been hot ... Revealed a new, more conceited side of his personality after becoming a tag team champ ... He and Edge will do anything they can to get out of defending the tag title ... Uses a number of variations of the reverse DDT to put opponents away.

58 SHANE DOUGLAS (6'1", 240, 14, 98) Led The Revolution in WCW until an arm injury and the departures of Dean Malenko and Perry Saturn slowed his momentum ... Along with Buff Bagwell, won the WCW World tag team title ... Had a one-night reunion with Chris Candido and Bam Bam Bigelow ... Found himself a new head cheerleader in the vivacious and wicked Torrie Wilson ... Seems to be well-liked by WCW creative director Vince Russo ... Puts opponents away with the Pittsburgh plunge.

59 HULK HOGAN (6'8", 275, 21, 44) Was one of the focal points in The New Blood's feud with The Millionaires Club ... Derogatory comments about Billy Kidman sparked an intense rivalry between the two, which Hogan got the better of ... Was set up by WCW creative director Vince Russo at Bash at the Beach when Russo ordered WCW World champ Jeff Jarrett to lay down for the "Hulkster" ... Has since disappeared from WCW ... Defies critics by staying on top despite his age ... Never deviates from his legdrop finisher.

60 D-VON DUDLEY (6'1", 260, 6, 79) Eight-time former ECW tag champ (all with half-brother Buh Buh Ray) has shown he can hang with the big boys of the WWF ... He and Buh Buh have been arguably the most dominant team in the WWF this year ... While The Dudley Boyz are perfectly capable of winning matches on their own, they enjoy putting their opponents through tables just for the thrill of it ... Feuds with the Hardys and T & A have helped him develop as a singles wrestler ... Inventor of several innovative double-team maneuvers, but their 3D remains the most effective.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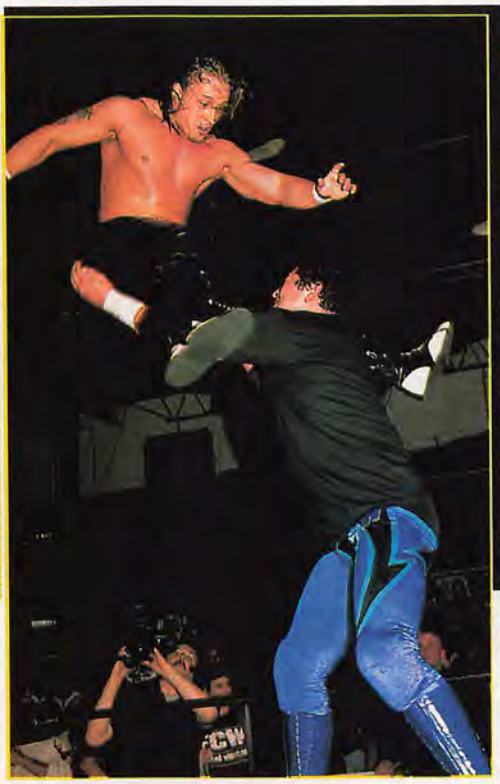
61 BOOKER T (6'3", 250, 10, 60) After eight years of toiling in WCW's mid-card, finally captured the WCW World heavyweight title by defeating Jeff Jarrett at Bash at the Beach ... Spent most of the year fighting off his brother, Stevie Ray, who formed a new Harlem Heat with Big T (formerly Ahmed Johnson of the WWF) and J. Biggs ... A return to being G.I. Bro and an alliance with the Misfits in Action proved pointless ... Puts opponents away with the Book-end, his version of the uranage.

of Saturn, but he's now favoring the top-rope elbowdrop.

64 UNIVERSO DOS MIL (6'1", 225, 27, NL) Regularly teams with partner Mascaras Dos Mil ... This *technico* is well-loved by the EMLL fans ... Has held the CMLL heavyweight title ... Formed Los Capos with Apolo Dantes and Mascara Dos Mil ... Has held the National light heavyweight, National trios, and the EMLL heavyweight titles.

67 TIGER MASK IV (5'7", 173, 10, 135) This student of the original Tiger Mask won big in Michinoku Pro's Mask Tournament this year, but didn't fare as well at the Super J-Cup ... Occasional tag team partner of the Great Sasuke ... A fine aerialist who also possesses a wide knowledge of submission holds ... Michinoku Pro's top singles competitor ... Long-running feud with Team Crazy Max continues ... Usually puts opponents away with the tiger suplex, but has recently added a move of his own making, the millennium suplex, to his repertoire.



68 KID KASH (5'11", 210, 6, NL) Formerly known as David Jericho ... The man has reinvented himself and is finding success in ECW ... Has the high-flying skills to challenge anyone, regardless of size or wrestling style ... Went undefeated for several months this year, but faced only mid-card competition during that stretch in ECW ... Has pulled off some definitive wins over Simon Diamond, among others ... Is not quite ready for main-event status, as high-profile losses to Mike Awesome and Justin Credible have shown ... A more aggressive personality was just what this young grappler needed.

62 RAVEN (6'1", 265, 13, 75) Started out the year as an ECW tag team champ with Tommy Dreamer, but things went downhill from there for this veteran of the hardcore style ... They lost the belts to The Impact Players at the Guilty as Charged pay-per-view ... Turned against Dreamer and joined forces with Francine ... Won the ECW tag team belts with Mike Awesome, but lost them a week later in a three-way dance at Living Dangerously ... Francine later dumped him and joined Justin Credible ... Weight gain slowed him down for much of the year ... Got back into shape over the summer and agreed to a deal with the WWF ... Made amends with old nemesis The Sandman before leaving ECW.

63 PERRY SATURN (5'10", 234, 11, 47) One of the four Radicals who left WCW for more promising opportunities in the WWF ... Hasn't enjoyed the same success that Chris Benoit, Dean Malenko, and Eddie Guerrero have since arriving, though he did beat Guerrero for the European title at Fully Loaded ... Team with D-Lo Brown didn't last long ... New manager Terri ought to be able to get him some high-profile matches ... Has great finishers in the Death Valley driver and rings

65 X-PAC (6'2", 212, 11, 30) One of the most unpopular stars on the WWF roster, he has drawn the ire of the fans with his obnoxious ring antics ... Had his DeGeneration X teammates watching his back for most of the year ... After stealing Tori from Kane, he and Kane engaged in a long string of singles and tag matches ... He and partner Road Dogg haven't had that much success as a team ... A two-time European champion ... Best known for his bronco buster, but he uses the X-factor to knock his opponents out cold.

66 TAKAO OMORI (6'2", 257, 8, NL) Veteran of All-Japan Pro Wrestling followed Mitsuharu Misawa to NOAH ... Stunned fans by advancing to the finals of this year's Champions Carnival tournament, where he lost to Kenta Kobashi ... Also lost in his Triple Crown title shot against Kobashi ... Held the All-Japan International tag team titles with Yoshihiro Takayama last year ... Has a superb fisherman suplex.

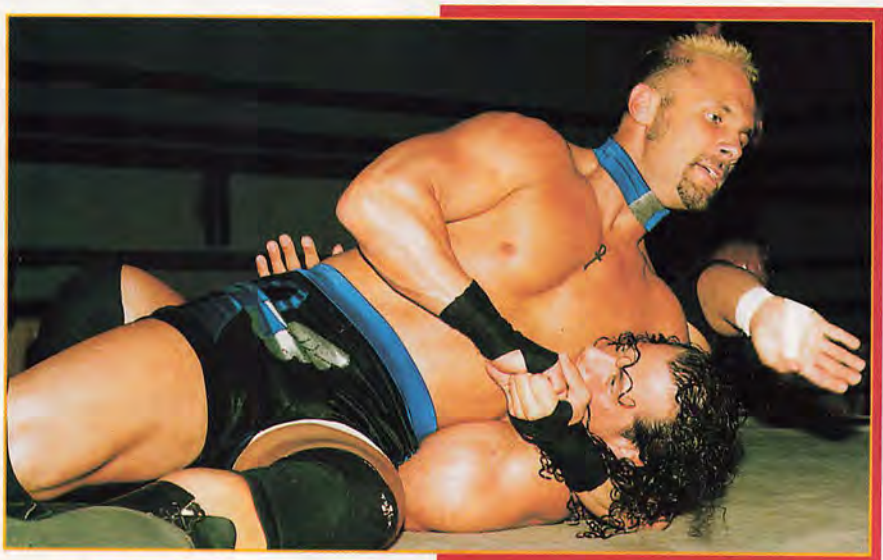
69 THE GODFATHER (6'6", 340, 11, 61) Pimpin' ain't easy—just ask this jovial fan favorite ... Former WWF Intercontinental champ is known as much for his garish ring apparel as he is for the train of women who follow him to the ring for his matches ... Make that used to follow him ... They were banned as a result of Godfather's loss to Bull Buchanan on *Raw* in July ... Changed his name to The Goodfather after that happened and said Steven Richards was right about there being too many scantily clad women on WWF TV ... Most believe he'll be back to his old self soon enough.

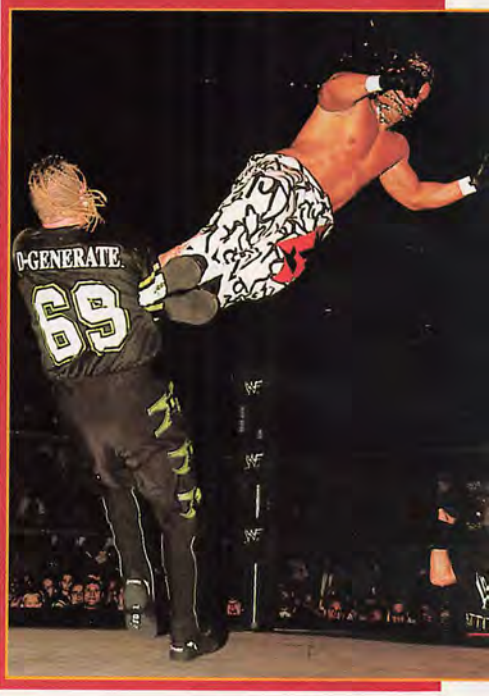
70 BLUE PANTHER (5'5", 205, 22, 113) This masked *rudo* has been feuding with Olimpico; most of their matches turn into bloodbaths ... Noted for his excellent mat skills ... Often teams with Dr. Wagner Jr. and Black Warrior, with whom he won the CMLL trios title ... Beat El Hijo Del Santo for the WWA welterweight title on April 10, but lost he belt back on May 28 ... Has also held the National middleweight title twice, the National trios title three times, and the CMLL middleweight title once.

71 H (5'10", 190, 9, 38) Once known as Hayabusa when he wrestled under a mask; now known for his blue hair and jean shorts ... One of FMW's main attractions ... Briefly held the All-Japan International tag titles with Jinsei Shinzaki last year; the two have since gone their separate ways ... Damage to his knees has restricted his use of high-risk maneuvers ... For special occasions, he still dons his Hayabusa gear ... Long, winding feud with Kodo Fuyuki is reminiscent of the lengthy Rock-Triple-H rivalry ... Legendary status in Japan started with a string of insane matches with The Gladiator (Mike Awesome) ... Has abandoned the falcon arrow as his finisher, instead choosing to use the uranage or the emerald erosion.

75 VILLANO III (5'8", 210, 30, NL) This legend of Lucha is perhaps best known to American fans for being the man that won Chris Benoit's Pegasus Kid mask in Mexico ... This year, he lost his own mask to Atlantis in the biggest mask vs. mask match in recent years ... The loss of his mask marked a change of heart in this career *rudo*; he is now working as a *technico*, teaming with his brothers Villano IV and V in EMLL.

78 ROAD DOGG (6'4", 240, 9, 46) Formed a team with fellow DX member X-Pac when regular tag partner Billy Gunn was sidlined with an injury ... Before Billy's injury, the two had some squabbles and the future of the team was in doubt, anyway ... Still popular with the fans, but his popularity is waning ... Hasn't done much this year ... Played second-fiddle to fellow DX allies and found himself out of both single and tag team contention ... Should bounce back in the next year, or he might never get above mid-card again.





72 BILLY KIDMAN (5'10", 206, 5, 31) Two-time cruiserweight champ is now one of the most hated men in WCW ... Held the WCW World tag team title with Konnan ... His vicious feud with Hulk Hogan only served to turn more fans against him ... Lost his lovely valet, Torrie Wilson, to Shane Douglas and hasn't gotten over it yet ... Has almost entirely eliminated the ultra high-risk shooting star press from his repertoire ... Has been distributing a video we'd like to see.

73 CIBERNETICO (6', 235, 6, NL) This head of AAA renegade group LLL (Lucha Libre Latina) may have lost his *Rey de Reyes* title, but he has become the new king of the bully-terry (dog-collar) match ... His feuds with Tiger Steel and El Canek have fueled the fire of LLL vs. AAA ... Things took an interesting turn when AAA Owner Antonio Pena introduced a fake Cibernetico to battle for the honor of AAA.

74 VAL VENIS (6'2", 250, 5, 25) This purported adult film star was out of the title picture in the WWF for a long time before upseting Rikishi for the Intercontinental belt in July ... Neck injury had kept him out of the ring for several months ... Cut his hair and took on a more serious attitude after he came back ... A member of Trish Stratus' stable ... Honed his in-ring skills as Steele in Mexico's CMLL for many years ... His splash from the top rope has been dubbed the money shot.

76 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS (5'11", 210, 7, 114) The "Fallen Angel" had a breakout year ... Won the 2000 ECWA Super 8 tournament in February and then competed in the Super-J tournament in Japan as his alter-ego, Curry Man ... Calls his finisher the last rites ... Has wrestled for several years internationally and in the States before signing with WCW this spring ... Has appeared only a handful of times on WCW TV, but should soon be competing regularly.

77 SHINJIRO OTANI (5'8", 186, 9, 80) Tremendous high-flyer battled his tag team partner Tatsuhito Takaiwa in a losing effort at the finals of this year's "Best of the Super Junior" tournament ... The two have been a dominant force in the IWGP junior tag team ranks over the last few years ... His feuds with Dr. Wagner, Jr. and El Samurai have no end in sight ... Adapts easily to both singles and tag matches ... Poised to be the next top star of New Japan's junior division ... Loaded arsenal of springboard moves ... Finishers include the dragon suplex and twisting Liger bomb.

79 GRANDMASTER SEXAY (5'10", 228, 12, 154) Brian Christopher's alter-ego changed him from hated rulebreaker to beloved WWF fan favorite ... Teams with Scotty Too Hotty as Too Cool; the duo won the WWF tag team title from Christian and Edge in May ... Never without his trademark flight goggles ... Dance routine with Rikishi drives WWF fans wild at arena shows ... Veteran of the Memphis scene, where he was dominant for years ... Top-rope legdrop, which he currently calls the hip-hop drop, is his signature move.

80 ESSA RIOS (5'8", 203, 6, NL) Young Lucha Libre star has been a regular in the WWF for some time now, first as the masked high-flyer Mr. Aguila, then as Papi Chulo, and now as Rios ... Made a big mistake when he got caught hanging around with some of Godfather's hos before a match on *Raw* ... Lita, his manager, didn't appreciate that and ended the relationship ... Hasn't gotten much TV time since ... Did have a number of excellent matches with Eddie Guerrero for the European title earlier in the year ... Remains one of the top contenders to the light heavyweight championship ... Has a gorgeous moonsault press in his arsenal.

81 ULTIMO GUERRERO (6', 200, 7, NL) Seemed to be perpetually stuck at the lower-half of the card at Arena Mexico until he began teaming up with Satanico and Rey Buccanero as Los Nuevos Infernales ... Since then, Guerrero and the rest of the Infernales have been tearing it up in EMLL, helping to break Arena Mexico's glass ceiling that seemed intent on keeping the younger wrestlers away from the top ... Young aerialist with superior quickness and ability.

82 LEX LUGER (6'5", 265, 15, NL) "The Total Package" was reborn with the aid of Miss Elizabeth ... Loves to show off his massive chiseled physique ... Along with Ric Flair, formed Team Package ... Feuded with Chuck Palumbo, who made his *Nitro* debut by calling himself "The Total Event" ... One of the elite Millionaires Club members in WCW ... Was told to go home by WCW management, who consider him a troublemaker, but he has since returned to action ... The torture rack is as lethal as ever.

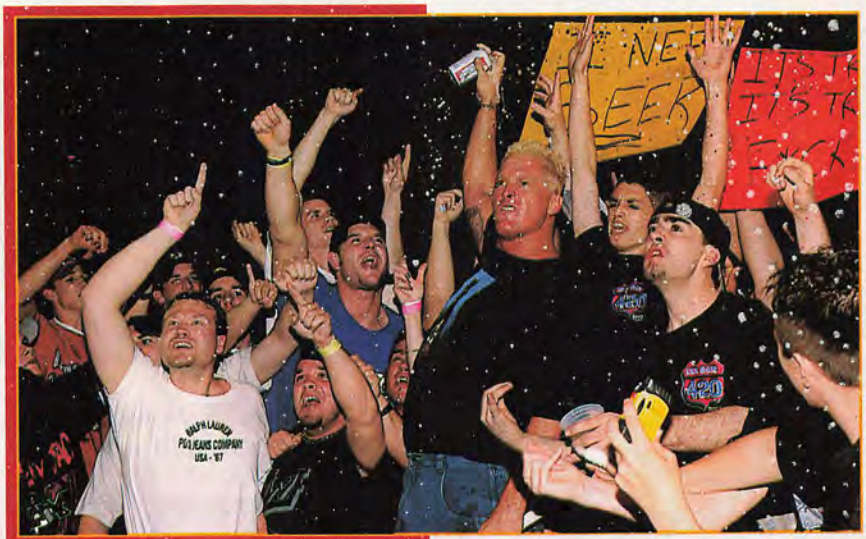
84 TAKA MICHINOKU (5'7", 169, 9, 111) High-flying former WWF light heavyweight champ wrestles all over the globe ... Injured his ankle at the Royal Rumble and was sidelined for a few months ... With long-time partner Sho Funaki, he continues to compete under the banner of Kaientai ... Won lots of respect when he almost pinned Triple-H for the WWF title on *Raw*, thanks in part to some backup from the APA ... Inventor of the Michinoku driver has added the beta variation (a more dangerous version) to his repertoire.

85 BUFF BAGWELL (6'1", 240, 10, 66) A member of WCW's New Blood ... A successful tag team wrestler over the years who's now trying to carve out his niche in the singles division ... Along with Shane Douglas, captured the WCW World tag team title ... Served a 30-day suspension for getting into an altercation with a WCW stage hand ... Female fans go wild for his physique ... His flipping neckbreaker from the middle turnbuckle is called the Buff blockbuster.

the top of the tag team division and often manhandle teams like the Hardys and Edge and Christian ... Double-tough Texan dares anyone to try to get up from his vicious clothesline from hell.

88 SUPER DELFIN (5'9", 195, 11, 87) Top star of Osaka Pro, a Japanese independent promotion with a strong Lucha Libre influence ... Failed to win the Osaka Pro open class championship from kickboxer Murahama ... Colorful masked man is skilled in the international styles but rarely appears outside of Japan ... Not afraid to let his sense of humor show in the ring, but opponents can't afford to take him lightly ... Lightning fast, he uses a variety of unique holds like the Delfinlana and the Delfin suplex special to set up his patented finisher, the Delfin clutch pinning combination.

89 TANK ABBOTT (6', 240, 1, NL) Built his reputation in the Ultimate Fighting Championships before arriving in WCW ... Raw, unrefined fighter with little grappling knowledge compensates with power in the ring ... Spent



83 NAOYA OGAWA (6'0", 232, 4, 41) Main attraction of Antonio Inoki's UFO organization ... Throughout the mid-90's, Ogawa was the top judo star in the Far East ... Has shamed Shinya Hashimoto in a number of encounters ... Beat Gary Steele for the NWA heavyweight weight title in October '99 and toured the country as the NWA champion ... Forfeited the title over the summer in order to train for a match with Rickson Gracie, a renowned shoot fighter ... Uses a variety of chokes and joint holds to subdue opponents.

86 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 244, 11, 91) The "Hardcore Icon" is back where he belongs, in ECW ... Had a forgettable stay in WCW as Hak ... Was almost immediately targeted by Rhino, Steve Corino, and Jack Victory ... Lori Fullington, Sandman's wife, also felt the brunt of Rhino's aggressions and spent some time in the hospital because of it ... Has gotten the worst of the feud with Rhino, as he's been unable to wrest the ECW TV belt away from him ... Almost never seen without his Singapore cane, cigarettes, or a can or two of beer.

87 BRADSHAW (6'7", 309, 8, 78) Found success with tag team partner Faarooq when they opened the Acolyte Protection Agency; it's become a lucrative side business ... No longer siding with the McMahons, although he makes it quite clear that his services are available to anyone ... The Acolytes are always near

months calling out Bill Goldberg and mocking Goldberg's ring entrance while Goldberg was injured ... Took out his frustrations on WCW commentator Mark Madden, sending him to the hospital ... Proved to be an easy defeat for Goldberg upon "Da Man's" return ... President of the Three Count fan club ... Only needs to land one of his devastating knockout punches to assure victory.

90 GENICHIRO TENRYU (6'1", 275, 24, 101) Top star of the WAR promotion is a regular in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Lost the IWGP heavyweight title to Kensuke Sasaki at the Tokyo Dome on January 4 ... Stunned fans by returning to All-Japan and reprising his partnership with Toshiaki Kawada ... Rivalry with Kodo Fuyuki has spilled over into other promotions ... Best known for his hard chops and accurate kicks ... Favorite move is the enzuguiri ... Likes to finish off opponents with a folding power bomb.

91 BIG VITO (6'2", 250, 10, 231) Former WCW World tag team champion with Johnny the Bull has found his niche in the hardcore division ... Captured the hardcore title and amassed a number of impressive victories over the likes of The Wall and Terry Funk ... Lost the title to U.S. champ Lance Storm in a well-wrestled, mostly technical match on *Nitro* ... Former member of Da Baldies in ECW ... His signature move is a swinging spike DDT.

92 THE ARTIST (5'11", 219, 4, 189) The former Prince Iaukea is one of WCW's top cruiserweights ... Managed by the slinky Paisley ... Has taken to speaking in song lyrics ... Won a tournament to win the vacant cruiserweight title in February, defeating Lash LeRoux (Cpl. Cajun) in the finals ... Had a very heated feud with Billy Kidman on the house show circuit ... Feuds with Cpl. Cajun, Kaz Hayashi, and Chris Candido have helped him modify his in-ring style ... Leaping DDT from the second turnbuckle is his signature move.

93 FAAROOQ (6'2", 291, 14, 92) Formed the Acolyte Protection Agency with partner Bradshaw, a muscle-for-hire outfit that has done well in the tumultuous WWF ... When they're not busy watching their clients' backs, playing cards, smoking cigars, or drinking beer, The Acolytes are a brutally powerful tag team ... A competent singles wrestler as well, Faarooq (a.k.a. Ron Simmons) became the first black world champion in the history of wrestling when he captured the WCW World title in 1992 ... Calls his pet move the dominator.

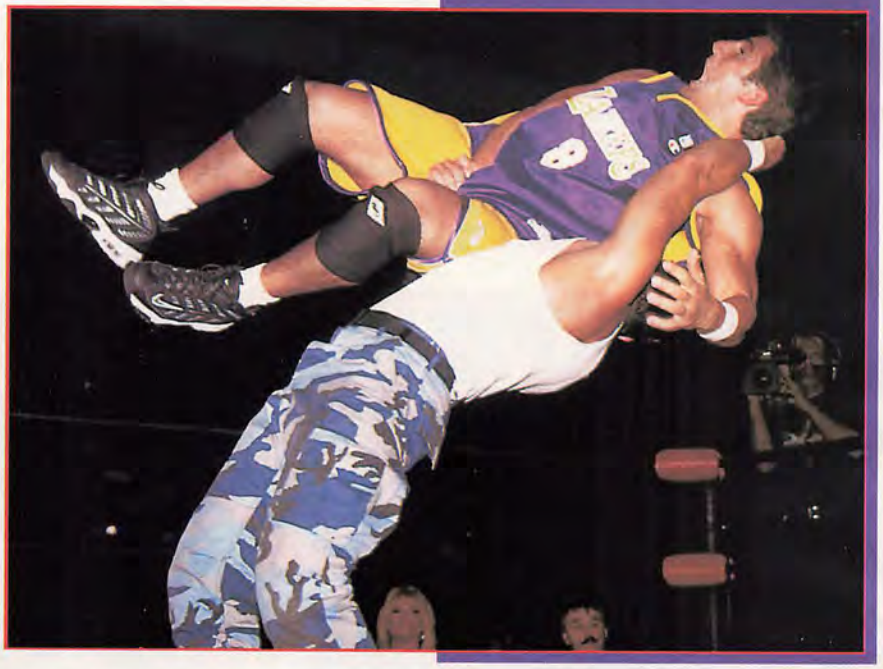
94 AKIRA TAUE (6'5", 266, 12, 59) Singles career has stalled for this veteran of All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Won All-Japan's International tag team titles with long-time partner Toshiaki Kawada ... Despite his large size, is fairly agile and can execute drop kicks and *topes* as well as some moves off the top rope ... Dominance in tag team matches with Kawada is respected throughout the wrestling world ... Stuns opponents with kicks to the face ... The former Triple Crown champ has also won the annual Champion's Carnival tournament ... Calls his seated power bomb the dynamic bomb.

95 RAYO DE JALISCO JR. (6'1", 270, 23, NL) This veteran *rudo* competes in EMLL ... Feud with Gran Markus Jr. ended with de Jalisco taking Markus' hair ... Has held the EMLL light heavyweight, National heavyweight, EMLL heavyweight, and CMLL tag team titles.

96 BIG BOSSMAN (6'6", 310, 15, 94) This Cobb County, Georgia, native is still at it in the WWF, more than 10 years after his WWF debut ... Feuded with The Big Show early in the year after an emotional Show revealed his father had cancer ... Used his truck to drag Show's father's casket around a cemetery on the day of his funeral ... Team with Bull Buchanan began to self-destruct in the spring ... Uses his nightstick to help him gain an unfair advantage wherever possible ... Has held the WWF hardcore title four times ... Has often played the role of lackey to the McMahons ... Sidewalk slam remains his signature move.

97 AL SNOW (6'1", 233, 18, 52) Spent a good part of the year trying to help Steve Blackman develop a personality ... Failed in that effort ... Teamed with Blackman in "Head Cheese"—Blackman hated the name—but they didn't accomplish much ... Feuded with The Acolytes and T & A ... Used to consult a mannequin head for advice, but he seems to have been cured of most of his mental ailments ... Three-time former WWF hardcore champion ... Calls his Northern Lights bomb finisher the Snow plow.

98 LT. LOCO (5'6", 228, 7, 105) After some misspent time as a salesman, Chavo Guerrero Jr. returned as Lt. Loco, a member of the Misfits in Action ... The name switch apparently turned the trick, as Loco won the cruiserweight title shortly thereafter ... Proved himself in bouts with The Artist, Juventud Guerrera, and other cruiserweights ... Nephew of Eddie Guerrero ... Uses a tornado DDT as his finisher.



99 MAHONEY (6'2", 360, 8, 121) This hardcore, chair-swinging freak has spent much of his time fighting for ECW's cause in Japan with the FMW promotion ... A lot of his time in ECW was spent helping New Jack fight off Da Baldies ... He did give Rob Van Dam some tough matches as well ... Overseas, he often teams with Masato Tanaka ... A former ECW World tag team champion with little Spike Dudley ... Doesn't limit his hardcore antics to just chairs ... Often uses tables, thumbtacks, or whatever else he can get his hands on.

100 HIROYOSHI TENZAN (6'0", 248, 10, 72) Rising sensation with New Japan Pro Wrestling is a tag team specialist ... Multiple-time winner of the IWGP International tag team titles won the championship most recently with new partner Satoshi Kojima in July ... Agile yet powerful, he favors the flying headbutt and the moonsault press ... Well on his way to becoming an international star ... Feuds with the likes of Manabu Nakanishi and Yuji Nagata.

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101 RICK STEINER (5'11", 248, 16, 53) "The Dogfaced Gremlin" had a mediocre year ... Defeated Chris Benoit to win his third WCW TV title at Halloween Havoc, but had to forfeit the title after going out with an injury ... Lost to Randy Savage at New Japan's January 4 Tokyo Dome show ... Returned with Mike Rotundo as a member of Kevin Sullivan's now-defunct Varsity Club ... Couldn't decide if he wanted to align with Tank Abbott or his brother, Scott ... His top-rope bulldog is as feared as his brother's Steiner recliner.

102 NEGRO CASAS (5'7", 180, 21, 33) Seemed bored without having to feud with El Hijo del Santo in EMLL this past year ... His incredible mat skills still stand out, whether featured in a feud or not ... Works as the head instructor for EMLL's wrestling school, ensuring that his skills will be passed on to future generations ... Still one of the most popular veterans in Mexico.

103 TEST (6'7", 302, 3, 146) Former Motley Crue bodyguard now does most of his rough-housing in the rings of the WWF ... Was engaged to Stephanie McMahon, only to be upstaged at the altar by Triple-H ... Seems to have recovered from the emotional trauma quite well ... Now, under the guidance of Trish Stratus, he teams with Albert in T & A ... Had some memorable bouts against the likes of the Dudleys, Hardys, and Al Snow and Steve Blackman ... Uses the pumphandle powerslam to put opponents down for the three-count.

104 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 200, 10, 28) Failed to impress at this year's "Best of the Super Junior" tournament, which he won back in 1998 ... Was crushed by Jushin Liger in a few matches, most of them lasting less than five minutes ... Likes to destroy opponents with vicious kicks to all parts of the body ... Started his career as the third incarnation of Tiger Mask ... Temperamental attitude hasn't endeared him to New Japan fans ... Graceful high-flyer enjoys punishing opponents on the mat with his strong martial arts and submission skills ... Possesses a fantastic tiger suplex, but has also used a moonsault press as a finisher.

105 D-LO BROWN (6'1", 275, 7, 65) Vanished for a while during the spring, but returned with an attitude and looked to settle a grudge with former tag team partner The Godfather ... Godfather got the best of that feud ... Briefly teamed with Perry Saturn, but recently joined forces with Chaz (Headbanger Mosh) ... Quite the ladies man, he has been managed by Ivory, Terri, and Jacquelyn at various stages of his career ... Alternately uses the Lo-down frog splash and his sky-high rydeen bomb as finishers.

106 CHYNA (5'9", 201, 8, 235) Couldn't resist the Latino heat and joined Eddie Guerrero, turning her back on Chris Jericho in the process ... Proved she was as tough as any man in the WWF by winning the Intercontinental title from Jeff Jarrett in October, but was relegated to being co-champion with Jericho for a short time as a result of a McMahon family edict ... Lost a chance to be Queen of the Ring this year, as she lost a qualifying match to Eddie ... The low blow is a great equalizer in her matches ... Isn't afraid to use it to help Guerrero, either ... The DDT is her favorite finisher.

107 NORMAN SMILEY (6'2", 238, 15, 177) "Screamin'" Norman held the WCW hardcore title almost reluctantly for months ... Spent several weeks as Meng's punching bag before investing in some protective sports gear ... Still breaks out the "Big Wiggle" from time to time ... His partnership with Ralphus has drawn laughs, but not a whole lot else ... Internationally renown as Black Magic, he competed in Europe, Africa, Japan, and Mexico for most of his career.

108 MAUNUKEA MOSSMAN (6'1", 240, 6, 172) Superstar with All-Japan Pro Wrestling made a bold move by staying loyal to Motoko Baba when Mitsuharu Misawa walked out on the promotion ... Native of Honolulu, Hawaii, has found his niche in singles, but is a capable tag team wrestler ... Made a rare U.S. appearance when he wrestled on the Gary Albright Memorial show ... Has an extensive amateur wrestling background ... Has been concentrating on wrestling heavyweights as opposed to lightweights, but hasn't had a breakthrough match ... His Hawaiian crunch finishing move is a Samoan drop turned Ace crusher.

109 LITTLE GUIDO MARITATO (5'9", 201, 9, 193) "Sicilian Shooter" can't seem to grab that one huge breakout victory ... Trying to prove to his critics that he's more than just a comedy act ... Scored convincing victories over the likes of Mosco de la Merced, Swinger, and Kid Kash this year ... Often makes his way to ringside atop the shoulders of 600-pound Sal E. Graziano ... Broke Jerry Lynn's ankle in a match in Danbury, Connecticut ... ECW's best mat wrestler.

110 SATOSHI KOJIMA (6'0", 243, 9, 144) Charismatic young star of New Japan has found success teaming with Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Ready for his big break as a singles wrestler in the heavyweight division ... Couldn't defeat IWGP heavyweight champ Kensuke Sasaki in singles or tag matches this year ... Former two-time IWGP tag team champion, once with Tenzan and once with Manabu Nakanishi ... Feuds with Nakanishi and Yuji Nagata ... Signature hold is the rydeen bomb, a spinebuster turned seated power bomb.

111 CPL. CAJUN (5'10", 215, 2, 166) The former Lash LeRoux is a top cruiserweight and fan favorite in WCW ... Is an integral member of the Misfits in Action ... Has shined in matches with Kaz Hayashi, Disco Inferno, and The Artist ... Better off in singles matches, but needs the support of a group ... Always hands out his Mardi Gras beads to fans at ringside ... His unique finisher, the whiplash, is a version of the Berkdriver.

112 ALBERT (6'6", 338, 3, 168) Big Bossman's former lackey has ignited his career by teaming with Test and Trish Stratus to form T & A ... Concentrating less on body piercing and more on the WWF tag team championship ... Was briefly known as Baldo during a stint in Memphis ... Feuds with The Dudley Boyz and the Hardys have only helped him develop as a wrestler ... Still better suited to tag team matches ... Signature move is a windmill neckbreaker.

113 NEW JACK (6', 225, 8, 157) "The Original Gangsta" has had his hands full with Da Baldies, especially Angel, all year; the two fought over the "King Of Streets" moniker ... Suffered multiple injuries at the Living Dangerously pay-per-view when he and Grimes fell from a scaffold through two tables ... Renowned for his unbelievable high-risk dives off balconies and onto tables ... Surprising stamina and high threshold for pain have helped him a lot in ECW ... Tag team he formed with Mahoney showed some potential.

114 REY BUCCANERO (5'11", 195, 6, 206) Buccanero's career seemingly stalled after his WWF *Super Astros* stint fizzled ... Added to that slump was the fact that he lost his mask ... The formation of Los Nuevos Infernales with Ultimo Guerrero and Satanico has put everything back on track ... A high-flyer whose *tope con hilo* is one of Mexico's best ... Has also made a name for himself in Japan.

115 KENDO KA SHIN (5'9", 195, 8, 55) After limited success in the junior division of New Japan, Ka Shin announced he wants to be classified as a freeweight, allowing him to compete in any weight class ... Looking ahead to some matches with wrestlers from Antonio Inoki's UFO group ... Briefly held the IWGP junior tag team title with Dr. Wagner, Jr. ... Won the 1999 "Best of the Super Junior" tournament ... Competent martial artist with a background in submission grappling, he rarely employs the use of high-risk moves ... Still known for his erratic, unpredictable behavior ... Forces opponents to tap out to his trademark cross-chest armbreaker, a move he can execute from any position with lightning-like quickness.

116 MICHAEL MODEST (5'9", 228, 5, 209) Lost the All Pro universal and Internet titles in early-2000 ... Has established himself as a national star on the independent circuit, enjoying most of his success in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling during the past year or so ... Defeated then-WCW cruiserweight champ The Artist in a non-title match on *Nitro* ... Made three appearances in March after signing with WCW ... Released when Vince Russo and Eric Bischoff took control ... Returned to California's All Pro and formed a team with ECWA Super 8 winner Christopher Daniels.

117 KAZ HAYASHI (5'8", 171, 8, 134) Leader of The Jung Dragons group in WCW ... One of WCW Commissioner Ernest Miller's sparring partners ... Built an international reputation during his days in Mexico and Japan as the masked man Shiryu ... Top contender for the WCW cruiserweight title also had a run at the hardcore title ... Only beginning to realize his full potential ... Received some training under Ultimo Dragon ... Originator of the cartwheel plancha ... Trademark move is a slingshot DDT.

118 BAM BAM BIGELOW (6'3", 288, 15, 27) Agile big man has experience wrestling all over the world ... Defeated Brian Knobs for the WCW hardcore title in February ... The Wall's mentor, he became his student's whipping boy when he tried to reign the big man in ... Likes to punish foes with an array of flying headbutts ... Re-formed The Triple Threat with Chris Candido and Shane Douglas, if only for a night ... Destroys opponents with his "Greetings from Asbury Park," a version of the square driver ... Suffered serious burns while rescuing a group of kids from a fire this summer.

119 KODO FUYUKI (5'10", 258, 8, 183) FMW's acting president is also the promotion's most hated rulebreaker ... Key member of Team No Respect had success in the six-man tag team ranks with Gedo and Jado ... Chief rival of H, the former Hayabusa, even though the two formed a tag team for a brief period of time ... Ongoing antics with Genichiro Tenryu have kept Fuyuki's name in the spotlight ... Participated in one of the year's most vile displays, as he and his partners urinated on a member of the FMW executive committee during a card ... Power moves are the center of his arsenal, but he is capable on the mat as well ... His disrespect for the traditions of puroresu have drawn the ire of other wrestlers and the disdain of the Japanese media.

120 PSICOSIS (5'10", 200, 9, 40) First lost his mask to Rey Misterio Sr. in Mexico and then again in WCW to Billy Kidman in a hair vs. mask bout in WCW ... Subbed for an injured Juventud Guerrera and defended the IWGP junior heavyweight title in a losing effort against Jushin Liger ... Defeated Rey Misterio Sr. (his mentor) in a hair vs. hair match ... After being released by WCW, returned to ECW at the HeatWave 2000 pay-per-view ... His crushing guillotine legdrop makes an effective finishing move.

121 STEVE BLACKMAN (6'1", 245, 14, 138) Finally discovered that he could make a name for himself by being promoted as a wrestler with no personality ... Even Al Snow's numerous attempts to make the team of "Head Cheese" work clashed with Blackman's resistance to being given any kind of individual identity ... Usually brings his kendo sticks or nunchakus to the ring with him and has found success as WWF hardcore champ ... Nicknamed "The Lethal Weapon" ... Has used the guillotine as a finisher.

122 ROADKILL (6', 300, 3, 216) "The Angry Amish Warrior" has become quite a cult hero in ECW ... Formed a regular tag team with Danny Doring; their style is somewhat reminiscent of that of The Hart Foundation ... Surprisingly agile, he can walk the top rope very easily ... Has had excellent matches against the likes of Nova and Chris Chetti ... Big man has no trouble keeping up with quicker, smaller opponents ... Finishes opponents off with a flying splash from the turnbuckles ... Only word in his vocabulary is "chickens."

123 EVAN KARAGIAS (5'11", 169, 2, NL) Leader of Three Count can't decide if he wants to be a pop star or a wrestler ... North Carolina native shows tremendous ring presence for a relative newcomer ... Brief affair with Madusa ended when it became apparent she was after the cruiserweight title and not him ... Held the hardcore title with the other two members of Three Count, Shane Helms and Shannon Moore, after the trio defeated Brian Knobs in a handicap match ... Found an unlikely fan in Tank Abbott ... Uses a corkscrew splash from the top rope to finish off opponents.

124 EL FELINO (5'7", 190, 18, 58) Frustrated with his stagnated career in EMLL, Felino jumped to AAA last year and quickly began teaming with brother Heavy Metal ... The change was short lived, as Felino soon returned to EMLL after a dispute over his persona ... The return and subsequent fight back to the top sparked a new determination in Felino ... Has held several welterweight titles in Mexico, including the WWA, Mexican National, and CMLL versions.

125 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 287, 16, NL) New Japan's most dominant heavyweight throughout the 90's has been struggling over the last two years ... Suffered a number of embarrassing defeats at the hands of Naoya Ogawa ... Took to training under Antonio Inoki, the same man who helped train Ogawa ... Announced his retirement this year, but it was short-lived ... Still possesses some of the sport's most lethal kicks ... A former three-time IWGP heavyweight champion ... His matches with Nobuhiko Takada drew some of the largest crowds in wrestling history ... Has a tremendous brainbuster and leaping DDT; both make sound finishers.

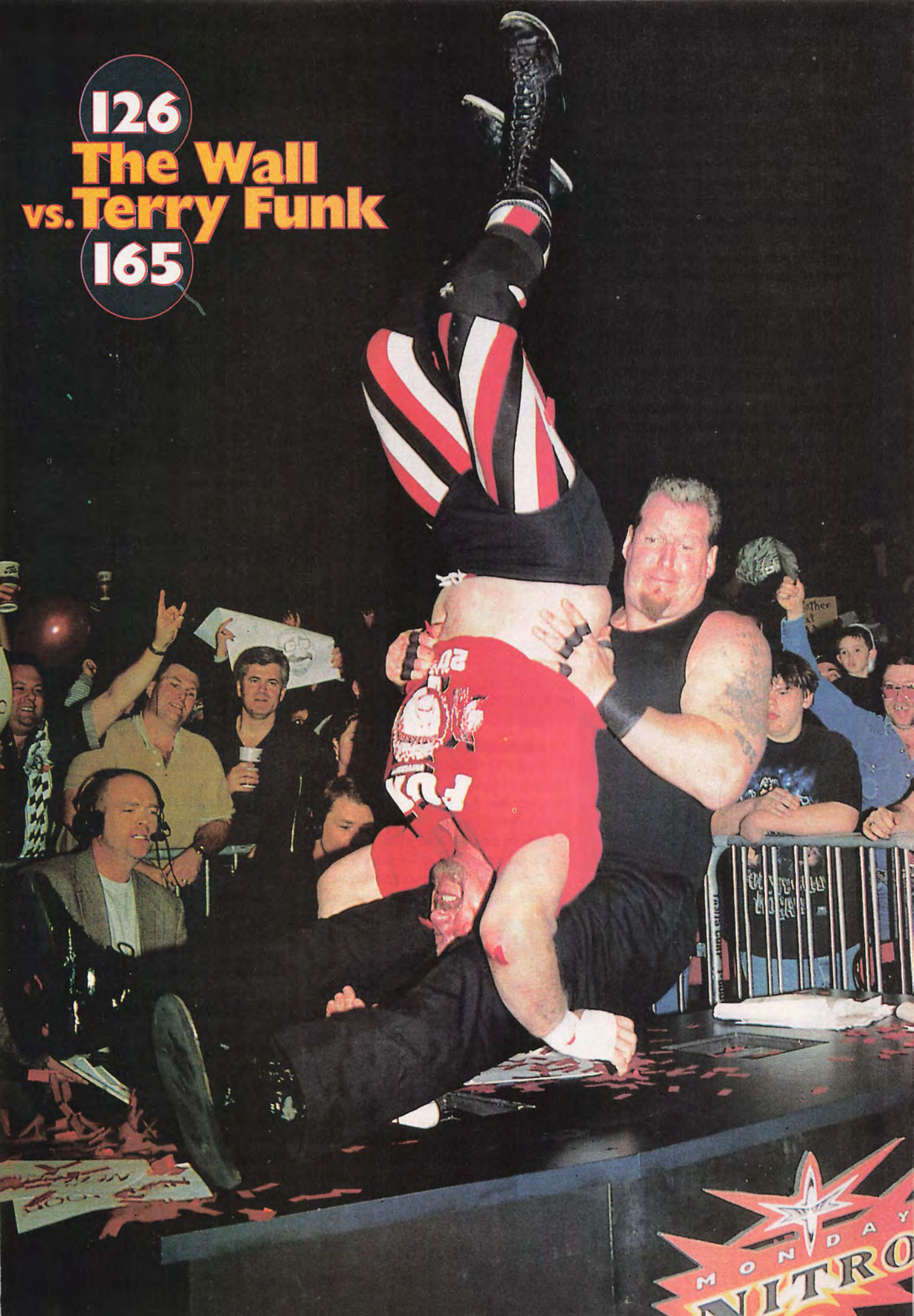
126 THE WALL (6'3", 320, 6, NL) Rulebreaking big man has made a tremendous impact in WCW in a relatively short time ... Originally served as a bodyguard to Berlyn, but the two had a falling-out ... Also had a falling-out and a feud with Bam Bam Bigelow, his mentor ... Tried to put Crowbar out of the sport forever by powerbombing him through a table from 15 feet in the air ... Lost a crucial tables match to Shane Douglas at The Great American Bash.

127 CROWBAR (6'2", 236, 8, 174) Long-time star of the independent circuit under the name Devon Storm has transformed into the demented Crowbar since his arrival in WCW ... Briefly held the WCW World tag team title with David Flair ... Was The Wall's official lawn dart for a short time, suffering numerous injuries after being choke-slammed by The Wall off a 15-foot high scaffold at Uncensored ... Along with the deranged Daffney, was a co-holder of the cruiserweight title ... Technically skilled with a high threshold for pain ... Has a bright future in WCW.

128 GRAN HAMADA (5'4", 195, 29, 115) Legend in both Mexico and Japan got to team with his daughter, Ayako, in a series of mixed matches for the first time this year ... Veteran of the mat wars represented himself well in this year's Super J-Cup ... Perennial fan favorite in Michinoku Pro ... Amazes opponents with his endurance and speed ... His windup headbutt remains a potent weapon ... Favorite move is the jumping-swinging DDT.

129 CHRIS CANDIDO (5'8", 226, 10, 133) Former ECW tag team champion returned to the promotion, but only for a short stay ... Debuted in WCW with the omnipresent Tammy Sytch at his side and immediately conquered the cruiserweight division, becoming the first cruiserweight champion of the Eric Bischoff-Vince Russo regime ... Feuded briefly with The Artist ... Had a good year on the independent circuit, too, where he captured both the XPW and NWA-Jersey heavyweight titles ... One of the first wrestlers to use the top-rope power bomb as a finisher.

130 RECKLESS YOUTH (5'8", 199, 5, 74) "King Of The Independents" is under developmental contract with the WWF and waiting for his chance to prove himself ... Has been fine-tuning his mat work in a feud with Steven Regal in Memphis Championship Wrestling ... Long wars with the likes of Don Montoya and Mike Quackenbush resulted in some exciting matches all across the country ... Calls his brainbuster "roofies" because he says it "knocks you out cold" ... Forces opponents to tap out to his STF.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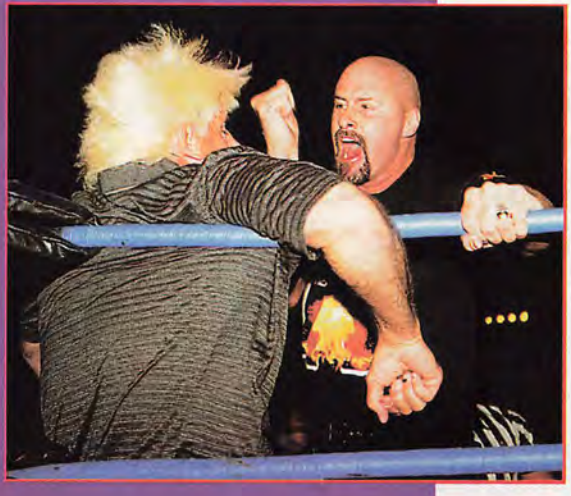
131 LA PARKA (6'1", 235, 13, 89) Lucha Libre star has a fan following in WCW as well ... The "Chairman Of WCW" is so dubbed for his liberal use of the steel chair during and after his matches ... Would often grab the microphone to cut a promo, but the voice that was aired over the loudspeakers wasn't his; it also got him in a lot of trouble ... Larger than the average Luchadore, but that doesn't keep him from embracing the high-flying, high-risk style ... One of Mexico's most popular characters; both SuperParka (an imitator) and La Parkita (a midget) have emerged over the years.

132 ORIENTAL (5'5", 190, 10, 187) A member of the Moreno family, Oriental is carrying on his family's tradition in AAA with help from his three sisters ... Has also competed in EMLL and Osaka Pro this year ... Known for his awesome aerial attack ... Continued his feud with Abismo Negro while representing AAA at Japan's Super J-Cup this year.

133 YOSHINARI OGAWA (5'11", 239, 7, NL) Frequent tag team partner of Mitsuharu Misawa had a great year in All-Japan Pro Wrestling; the pairing turned a lot of heads in this year's tag team tournament ... Scored an impressive singles victory over Jun Akiyama in this year's Champions Carnival; the match didn't even last ten seconds ... Likes to stun opponents with jawbreakers and kicks to the head ... Reminds a lot of fans of Misawa in his younger days ... Followed Misawa and left All-Japan during the summer to join NOAH ... Uses the axe-bomber lariat to finish opponents off.

134 DON HARRIS (6'5", 257, 12, NL) He and twin brother Ron emerged as Creative Control in WCW, serving under the Powers-That-Be ... Captured the WCW tag team title from The Filthy Animals, but ultimately lost it to Bret Hart and Bill Goldberg ... Native of Nashville has extensive experience in the WWF and on the independent circuit ... Powerful grappler is quicker than his brother and is capable of manhandling opponents ... Signature move is the big boot.



135 SHO FUNAKI (5'8", 192, 10, 163) Surprisingly, he hasn't had many chances to shine in the WWF's light heavyweight division ... Long-time partner of Taka Michinoku ... The two were known as The Dream Chasers for a while in their native Japan before joining Dick Togo's Kaientai ... They still compete as Kaientai in the WWF ... Had a rough time at this year's Royal Rumble ... Was eliminated repeatedly from the match despite never being registered as an official entrant ... Prefers to punish opponents with his fisherman buster before making them tap out to one his many leg clutch submissions.

136 DANNY DORING (5'10", 202, 2, 230) "The Dastardly One" is still making life miserable for Chris Chetti ... The two of them have been rivals since training together at the ECW House of Hardcore in 1996 ... Doring still teams with Roadkill; the duo is one of the most popular in ECW ... Has had excellent tag team matches with Nova and Chris Chetti ... They have gradually become legitimate contenders for the ECW tag team title ... Has a strong mat game and and complements it nicely with some flying moves.

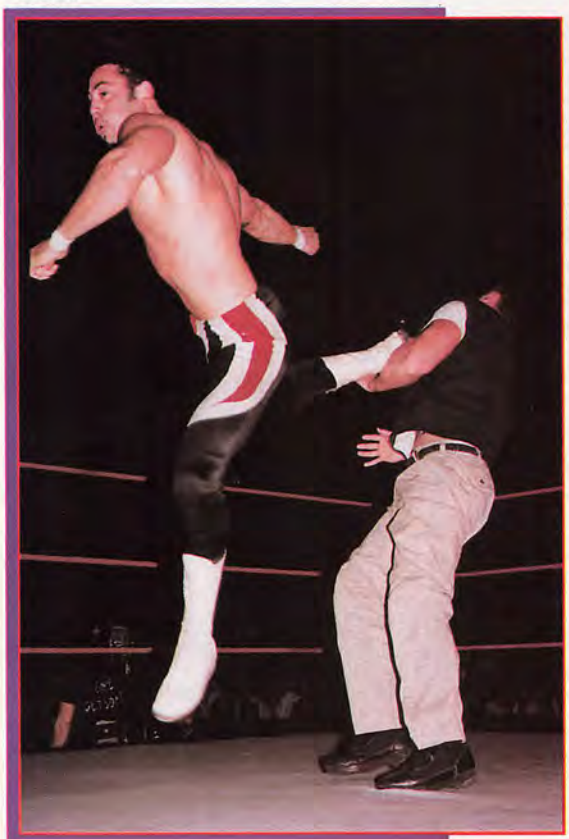
137 DISCO INFERNO (6', 238, 9, 85) Managed The Mamalukes, Johnny the Bull and Big Vito, for most of the year, leading them to the WCW World tag team title ... Now hip-hop-influenced and hanging with the likes of Konnan and The Filthy Animals ... Scott Hudson's new nickname for him, "Dim Shady," has yet to catch on. Don't worry, it will ... Finally concentrating more on his wrestling and less on his obnoxious dancing ... His Ace crusher is known as the chartbuster.

138 EL SAMURAI (5'11", 208, 14, 107) New Japan veteran didn't fare well in this year's "Best of the Super Junior," a tournament he won in 1997 ... Hasn't enjoyed the same success he did just a few years ago, receiving few title shots ... Still teams occasionally with Jushin Liger and Kendo Ka Shin ... Appeared in an exhibition match at this year's Super J-Cup tournament ... Capable high-flyer and mat wrestler wears an ornate, colorful mask to the ring for his matches ... Has a number of inverted DDT's and neckbreakers in his repertoire ... Always finishes opponents with one of his daring inverted DDTs.

139 BULL BUCHANAN (6'3", 266, 4, NL) Former sidekick of Big Bossman struck out on his own, showing great potential ... Qualified for the 2000 King of the Ring ... Spent more than his share of time as a McMahon-Helmsley Faction lackey ... Now in an alliance with Steven Richards ... His victory over The Godfather in July forced Godfather to stop bringing hos to the ring with him ... Agile big man often scales the turnbuckles by running directly up the ropes ... Has a beautiful top-rope legdrop.

140 SHANNON MOORE (5'10", 177, 5, 238) Member of Three Count with Evan Karagias and tag team partner Shane Helms ... Nicknamed Kid Dynamo during his days in the Carolina independents ... Along with Karagias and Helms, managed to capture the WCW hardcore title by defeating Brian Knobs in a handicap match ... Loves to thrill fans with his high-risk maneuvers ... Long song and dance routines don't exactly electrify WCW audiences, but they do please Tank Abbott ... Moore and "Sugar" Shane are always in contention for the World tag team title.

141 RON HARRIS (6'4", 260, 12, NL) Brief stint as Vince Russo's Creative Control resulted in a run as WCW World tag team champion with brother Don ... They again captured the belts as members of the Jeff Jarrett-led New World Order, defeating Big Vito and Johnny the Bull during WCW's tour of Germany ... Has wrestled for the WWF, where he had a stint as a member of the motorcycle-riding D.O.A. ... Not much of a technician, but can brawl with anyone in WCW.



142 JULIO FANTASTICO (6'2", 235, 7, 123) The former Julio Sanchez is now plying his trade in ECW ... A mainstay on the independent circuit, Julio has wrestled all over the country as well as WCW and WWF ... A skilled high-flyer with an extensive knowledge of the martial arts and technical wrestling ... Likes to use a wide array of kicks to weaken opponents before hitting them with a superkick.

143 JINSEI SHINZAKI (5'10", 207, 7, 151) Well-traveled star from the Orient has worked for the WWF, ECW, FMW, New Japan, All-Japan, and Michinoku Pro ... Known as Hakushi when he competed in the United States ... Powerful athlete who compliments his strength with some graceful flying moves ... Best known for his methodical and calculated in-ring style ... Likes to wear down opponents with chops and kicks before finishing them off with his praying power bomb.

144 SHANE HELMS (6'1", 210, 9, 234) Star of the Carolina independents now teams with Evan Karagias and long-time partner Shannon Moore in WCW as Three Count ... Does as much singing and dancing as wrestling ... Matches between Three Count and The Jung Dragons were the highlight of many a Nitro ... Found a powerful ally in Tank Abbott ... Can execute a variety of high-risk suicide dives out of the ring.

145 ABISMO NEGRO (5'8", 190, 8, NL) With his flaming can of hair spray and banned *martinette* finisher, Abismo owned the limelight in AAA this past year ... Represented AAA this year at Japan's Super J-Cup against Oriental in an exhibition match ... Won the *Rey de Reyes* tournament this year ... He and tag team partner Electro Shock have assisted Cibernetico in his run for dominance in the renegade LLL group.

146 JOHNNY ACE (6'4", 253, 13, 108) Recently returned to the States to work with WCW's creative team after a long career in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Held the All-Japan International tag team titles twice with Kenta Kobashi ... Very popular foreigner despite wrestling in the isolationist atmosphere of All-Japan ... Interrupted a fine singles career to wrestle in tag and six-man matches this year ... Inventor of the Ace crusher, the most imitated finishing move in wrestling ... Has filled his arsenal with dangerous finishing holds like the Johnny spike and the neck-snapping cobra clutch suplex.

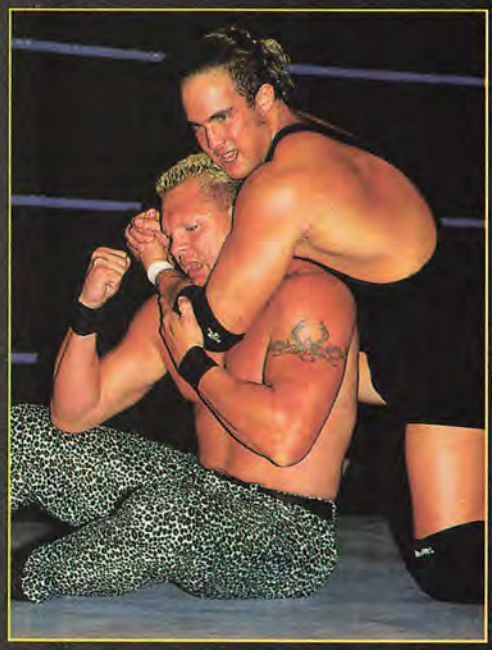
147 OCTAGON (5'7", 190, 11, 50) Spent the better part of last year feuding with Jaque Mate ... Their feud culminated on December 31 with Octagon taking Mate's mask ... Named AAA's *Technico* of the Year for 1999 at their annual banquet in December ... A skilled technical wrestler who relies upon hardcore tactics to win matches ... Passed the bar to become a lawyer before donning the Octagon mask.

148 CHRISTIAN YORK (5'10", 218, 3, 181) Made amends with ex-arch-rival Joey Matthews to form an excellent tag team ... They captured the Pennyslvania Championship Wrestling and Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team titles this year ... He and Matthews are members of PCW's New Stallions, along with Brian Logan, Ty Street, and manager Judd the Stud ... Briefly wrestled in WCW and recently made his ECW debut.

149 JUVENTUD GUERRERA (5'5", 165, 7, 62) Took his biggest career win when he pinned Jushin Liger for the IWGP junior heavyweight title on an episode of *Nitro*, thanks to an assist from a bottle of tequila ... Likes to poke fun at and imitate The Rock ... Long-time rival of Rey Misterio Jr. now teams with him as a member of The Filthy Animals ... One of the finest high-flyers out of Mexico, he still teams with his father, Fuerza Guerrera, from time to time ... His version of the Michinoku driver is called the Juvi driver.

150 WOLF HAWKFIELD (6'5", 242, 6, 143) The former "Jungle" Jim Steele is now a mainstay in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Brief stints in WCW and ECW never gave him a chance to develop ... Occasional tag team partner of Johnny Smith; they held the All-Asia tag title briefly in 1998 ... Tall, powerful grappler towers over most of the All-Japan regulars ... Persona is based on a wrestling character from the video game Virtua Fighter ... Stayed loyal to All-Japan during this summer's Mitsuharu Misawa-lead exodus.

151 FUERZA GUERRERA (5'5", 175, 22, 159) The ultimate *rudo*, Fuerza Guerrera has cut his own path through the land of Lucha Libre ... Has a carefree attitude, superior skills, and a repertoire that consists of several highly illegal maneuvers like the Fuerza punt groin kick ... Loves harassing his fans ... Fuerza has set a standard for generations to come ... His talents were obviously handed down to his son, Juventud Guerrera.



152 STEVE BRADLEY (6'3", 235, 5, 165) This powerful aerialist is one of the young stars currently under developmental contract with the WWF ... Spent most of the year in Puerto Rico competing in the IWA, but has also appeared on WWF TV and in dark matches ... Returned to the ECWA to challenge 2000 Super 8 winner Christopher Daniels in a rematch from the 1999 Super 8 finals ... A talented high-flier who is similar to Rob Van Dam in both look and style.

153 STEVIE RAY (6'5", 265, 11, 117) Formed Harlem Heat 2000 with Big T; the two won the rights to the name from Booker T ... Hasn't seen much singles action since parting ways with the NWO black and white ... Better suited to tag team matches anyway ... Tough brawler has surprising endurance and power ... Has also proven to have potential behind the announcing desk ... Not surprisingly, reunited with his brother the night after Booker defeated Jeff Jarrett for the World title ... Calls his finishing move the slapjack.

154 JOEY MATTHEWS (5'9", 185, 4, 207) He and Christian York defeated Vince Goodnite and J.J. Johnston for the Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling tag team title ... They won the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag belts twice ... A member of PCW's New Stallions, along with York, Brian Logan, Ty Street, and manager Judd the Stud ... Now wrestling with York in ECW ... Also wrestles in the Independent Professional Wrestling Alliance.

155 STEVE CORINO (6'1", 218, 6, 203) "The King Of Old School" is developing into a pretty tough wrestler, thanks in part to his feud with the legendary "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes ... Dyed his hair blond and grew a beard, but it did nothing to boost his popularity among ECW fans ... Hasn't fared well in feuds with Tommy Dreamer and The Sandman ... His lengthy tirades often last longer than his matches ... Spent several years on the independent circuit before entering ECW and still occasionally competes for indy promotions.

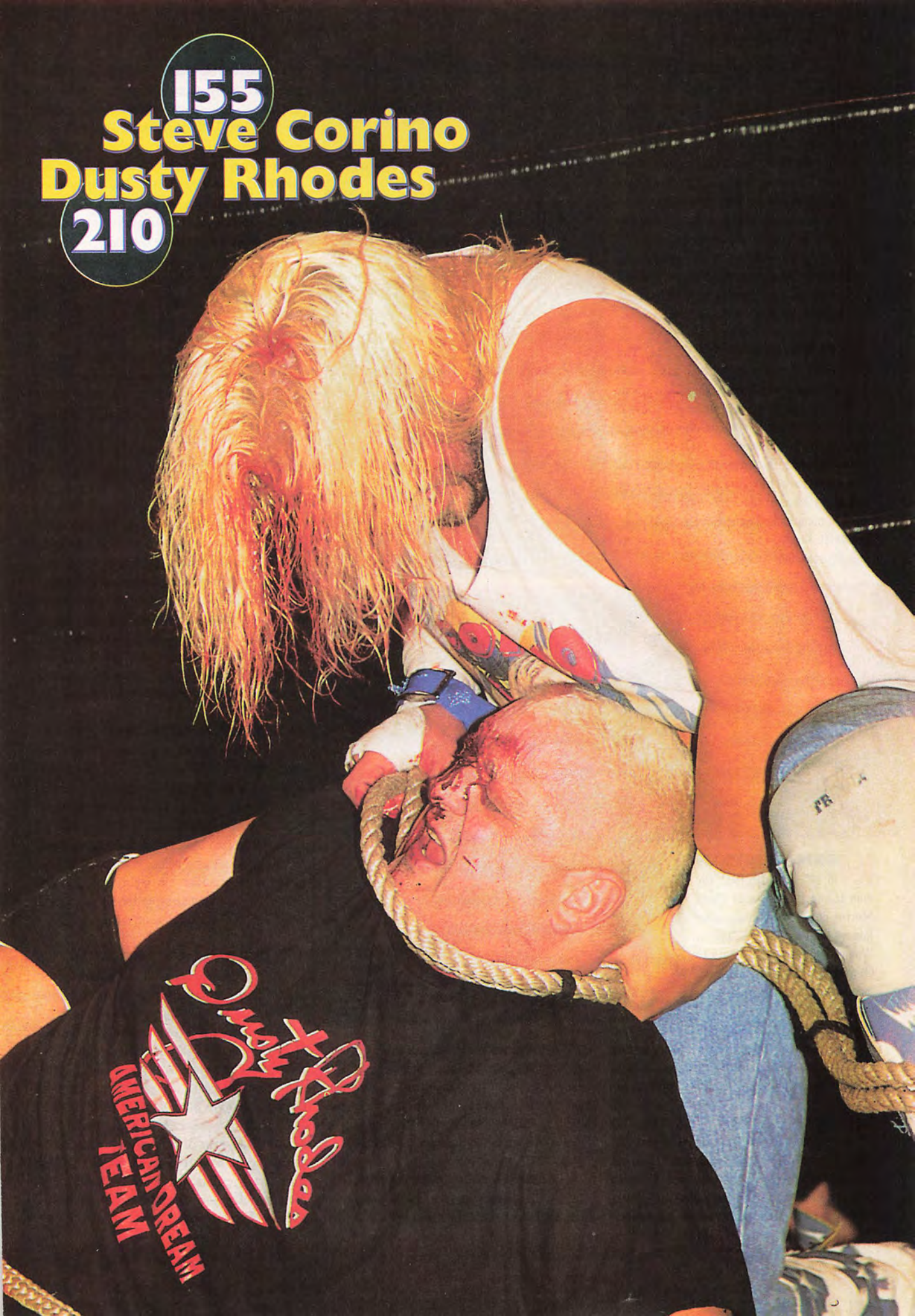
156 MICKE SEGURA (5'5", 170, 7, 139) Has gone from being AAA's Super Nova, to Oro Jr., and, after losing his mask to Dr. Cerebro, became Micke Segura ... An incredible talent with superior high-flying ability and above-average mat skills ... Uses a cache of aerial moves to attack his opponents and thrill fans.

157 HIROSHI HASE (5'11", 226, 15, 170) Hasn't made his position clear since the All-Japan split, which saw Mitsuharu Misawa and 30 of the company's wrestlers leave to form a new group called NOAH ... Nagging leg injury keeps him out of regular competition ... Found fame in New Japan Pro Wrestling before joining the Japanese Senate ... Still in great shape despite longs periods of inactivity ... Great scientific grappler is famed for his textbook suplexes and judo throws ... Signature move is the Northern Lights suplex.

158 C.W. ANDERSON (6'1", 237, 6, 340) "The Enforcer" tried to make a name for himself as a member of Lou E. Dangerously's New Dangerous Alliance ... That didn't work, so he's now trying out an alliance with Simon Diamond and Swinger ... Received a standing ovation from the fans at the ECW Arena after a match with Super Crazy ... Gifted mat technician can also brawl when need be ... Though he's not one of the more charismatic wrestlers in ECW, many believe he is the most underrated athlete in the company ... Spent a number of years training on the independent circuit before making it to ECW.

159 SILVER KING (5'11", 221, 15, 109) Lucha Libre star returned to his forte by partnering with El Dandy in Los Fabulosos ... Managed by Miss Hancock, the team only experienced minor success ... Doesn't fare as well in singles matches ... Was released by WCW shortly before the end of the "500" grading period and was expected to return to Mexico on a full-time basis ... Uses an unusual springboard moonsault as a finishing move.

160 MIKE QUACKENBUSH (6', 191, 9, 128) "Lightning" Mike made waves when he announced he was leaving wrestling indefinitely to pursue other interests ... Didn't get much time off, though, as he was back in the ring just four weeks after his farewell match ... Had a series of matches against El Hijo del Santo this year ... Won his second FWA championship by defeating Low-Ki ... Wrestles for MCW, WWC, NEW, IPW, and other east coast independents ... Punishes opponents with his hard kick combinations and palm strikes ... Uses the Quackendriver, a move of his own invention, as his finisher.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161 SHAWN STASIAK (6'4", 242, 3, 140) Re-emerged in WCW after having been let go by the WWF because of his penchant for making audio recordings ... Took the nickname of "Perfect-Shawn" after defeating Curt Hennig ... Lost to Booker T at The Great American Bash in a boot camp match ... Found success teaming with Chuck Palumbo; together they captured the WCW World tag team title by beating Kronic ... Feuded with Woody, a member of WCW's production staff ... Was victimized by Tank Abbott after playing pranks on Three Count.

162 NOVA (5'10", 219, 6, 211) The innovative young wrestler has a good thing going with tag team partner Chris Chetti ... Has an extensive repertoire of unusual moves that he uses to confound his opponents and keep them off-balance ... Is slowly starting to live up to his tremendous potential ... Regularly switches ring outfits, many of which pay homage to various superheroes ... Has had memorable bouts with Danny Doring, Roadkill, Gedo, and Jado ... Pet move is called Novacaine.

163 SHARK BOY (5'10", 180, 3, 209) Wrestled Jamie-san of The Jung Dragons at Pillman 2000 ... Competes primarily in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Featured on The Discovery Channel as part of "Shark Week" ... Also shown on ABC's *20/20* while training at the Power Plant ... Battled Norman Smiley, Silver King, Psicosis, and Three Count on *WCW Saturday Night*.

164 GEN. RECTION (5'10", 320, 10, 195) The man formerly known as Hugh Morrus changed his name after joining the Misfits in Action ... Was promoted from Captain to General by Booker T ... Has tremendous dexterity for such a big man, and his skill has kept him near the top of the contender's ladder for WCW's U.S. title ... Might be a better fit for the hardcore division ... His vaunted moonsault off the top rope has finished off numerous opponents.

165 TERRY FUNK (6'1", 247, 35, 212) Was hired for the office of WCW commissioner by then-WCW head Bill Busch ... Lost the commissionership to Kevin Nash after losing to "Big Sexy" at Souled Out ... Feuded with Dustin Rhodes, the son of Dusty Rhodes, his old nemesis ... Won the vacant WCW hardcore title by defeating Norman Smiley at Spring Stampede ... Still executes the occasional moonsault ... Has had more retirement matches than any other wrestler in history ... Like his older brother Dory, he likes to make opponents submit to the spinning toehold.

166 SIMON DIAMOND (6'1", 225, 9, 126) Simon says he is still looking for respect ... Spent much of the year in the company of a strange entourage comprised of personal assistant Mitch, bodyguards Prodigy and Prodigette, and The Musketeer ... Now his two strongest allies are Swinger and C.W. Anderson ... Talented technical wrestler's best years are ahead of him ... Gave Tommy Dreamer a very difficult match on one edition of *ECW On TNN* ... Has had his share of problems with women this year, particularly Jazz ... Previously wrestled extensively in East Coast independents as Lance Diamond.

167 JADO (5'6", 198, 7, NL) Young Japanese star is a regular partner of Gedo and Kodo Fuyuki in FMW ... He and Gedo have appeared Stateside with ECW a few times ... A gifted singles wrestler, he and Taka Michinoku had a memorable feud several years ago ... Won the FMW six-man tag titles with Fuyuki and Gedo ... Member of Team No Respect has taken to less of a high-risk style ... Still hasn't had distinguished himself in the eyes of *puroresu* fans ... Has an excellent folding power bomb.

168 DICK TOGO (5'9", 222, 9, 122) Three years ago, he was the top rulebreaker in Michinoku Pro as leader of Kaientai; now he is Osaka Pro's top villain, feuding with Masato Yakushiji and Naohiro Hoshikawa ... Has extensive Lucha Libre experience; he competed as the masked Sato for a number of years in both Mexico and Japan ... Long-time rival of Super Delfin and regular tag team partner of Black Buffalo ... Stuns opponents with his quickness and agility ... Famed for his bone-crushing senton from the top rope.

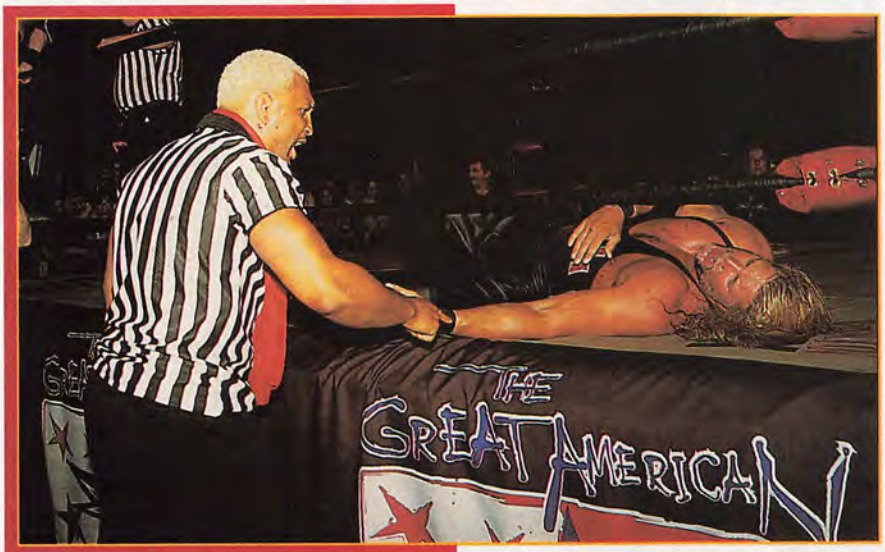
169 MASAO ORIHARA (5'8", 188, 11, NL) Veteran of the Japanese independent scene has found a home in Michinoku Pro, where he often appears as Sasuke the Great, a Great Sasuke imitator ... Lost in the opening round of this year's Super J-Cup to Ricky Fuji ... Easily recognized by his giant mohawk ... Even though he possesses a unique arsenal of his own moves, he often imitates the ring style of the Great Sasuke .... Sets opponents up for his moonsault press with his German suplex off the turnbuckles.

170 JERRY LAWLER (6', 234, 30, 158) Memphis legend is best known for his current color commentary work beside Jim Ross on *Raw* and Michael Cole on *Smackdown* ... Popularity soared after the release of *Man On The Moon*, a film that chronicled the life of Andy Kaufman and touched on his feud with Lawler (who played himself) ... Has held the Memphis Championship Wrestling Southern title this year and held the now-defunct USWA title a record 27 times ... Does most of his wrestling on the independent circuit nowadays, mainly with MCW and Northeast Wrestling ... Donned the tights for a recent match against Dean Malenko on *Raw* ... Master of the piledriver.

171 GEDO (5'7", 215, 7, NL) Teams regularly with Jado and Kodo Fuyuki; the trio have held the six-man tag titles together ... Turned a lot of heads with stand out performances at both the 1994 and 1995 Super J-Cups, even making it to the finals in '95 ... Has made some scattered appearances with ECW, mostly in tag team matches ... Short, forgettable run in WCW didn't help him at all ... Shaved his long locks when he joined Team No Respect, a stable of rule-breakers that terrorize FMW ... Likes to pin opponents with the Gedo clutch.

172 K. KRUSH (6'3", 225, 3, NL) Combines wrestling with his other passions, rapping and dancing ... Former Wildside TV champ ... Managed by Jeff G. Bailey ... Feuded with Rukkus and A.J. Styles ... Released a rap single, "I've Got Issues" ... Signed a developmental deal with the WWF and has since been sent to Memphis.

173 GRAN NANIWA (5'7", 194, 6, 196) The past year has seen the emergence of a phony Naniwa, but fans of the original weren't fooled ... A regular in Michinoku Pro, he has appeared in a number of other promotions, including Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Wears a crab mask and occasionally sports a pair of giant crab claws ... Hasn't had much success in singles lately, but excels in multiple-man and tag team matches ... Nagging ankle and foot injuries have slowed this young star's ascent to dominance.



174 ERNEST MILLER (6'2", 235, 4, 118) "The Cat" is a three-time world karate champion and is versed in many of the different martial arts ... Made WCW commissioner by Eric Bischoff, one of his best friends ... Power-hungry at first, but now seems to be trying to institute a sense of fair play in WCW ... Has done very little wrestling as of late, but has shown significant backbone by standing up to the likes of Scott Steiner, Vampiro, and The Jung Dragons.

175 JOHNNY SMITH (6'0", 235, 18, 141) A mat technician without peer ... Trained in the classic European style but can adapt his technique to suit his opponent ... Prefers to compete in tag team matches; he's a former All-Asia tag team champion with Wolf Hawkfield, his semi-regular partner ... Sporadically appears in ECW for short stays ... Former partner of the British Bulldogs ... Has a tremendous top-rope dropkick.

176 JOEY ABS (6'3", 276, 7, 226) Member of the unpopular Mean Street Posse along with Pete Gas and Rodney ... All but vanished from WWF TV while they were causing trouble for fan favorites in Memphis Championship Wrestling ... Long-time friend of Shane McMahon ... Started out in the North Carolina independents as one of The Hardy Boyz' proteges ... Wrestled as Venom for years ... Appears on independent cards on the East Coast as well ... Has a nice moonsault in his repertoire.

177 ATSUSHI ONITA (5'10", 232, 26, 43) "Mr. Liar" promotes his own independent wrestling company in Japan ... A deal to bring his students to America to compete in the ultra-violent Combat Zone Wrestling never came to fruition ... Neither did a proposed exploding-cage death match with Terry Funk ... Veteran of FMW, where he built a cult status that endures today ... Garnered the attention of the media when he decided to return to high school and get his diploma ... Lost to Riki Choshu in a barbed-wire exploding death match ... Trademark move is the thunder fire power bomb.

178 BRIAN ADAMS (6'6", 322, 14, 246) His new tag team with Bryan Clark, Kronic, has helped to jump-start his flagging WCW career ... Along with Clark, won the WCW World tag team title, defeating Chuck Palumbo and Shawn Stasiak ... Kronic should be top contenders for the title for years to come ... Capable brawler has a formidable arsenal of power moves ... Executes the 360-degree backbreaker perfectly ... Was the original Kiss Demon, but was replaced by Dale Torborg ... Double-choke-slam tag team finisher is called high times.

179 CHARLY MANSON (5'10", 195, 4, NL) With his Marilyn Manson look and mannerisms—and his flawless *tope suicida*—Manson has become the standout member of his AAA atomicos team, Los Vatos Locos ... Although he spent much of his time being courted by Cibernetico and Electro Shock to join LLL, Manson has remained faithful to his team ... Is destined to be one of the top stars of AAA for years to come.

180 GILLBERG (6', 227, 10, 120) Lost the WWF light heavyweight title, which he had been defending on the indy circuit on a regular basis, to Essa Rios ... Does poor impersonation of Bill Goldberg, using the spear and jackhammer against opponents ... Competes in Maryland Championship Wrestling and Northeast Wrestling ... Dominated "Ramblin'" Rich Myers and Earl the Pearl this year ... Also defeated former partner "Doomsday" Danny Rose ... Coaches Little League baseball in his hometown of Glen Burnie, Maryland.

181 MOSCO DE LA MERCED (5'5", 170, 8, 106) Returned to Mexico after a stint in ECW that saw him feud with Super Crazy and Antifaz Del Norte ... This guy is the original Mosco, not to be confused with AAA's current version ... Keeps busy on the Monterrey and Tijuana independent scenes and recently began working for California's XPW ... With his compact frame and high-flying style, it's just a matter or time before Mosco makes his return to one of Mexico's dominant promotions.

182 GLEN OSBOURNE (6'1", 272, 11, 147) The current East Coast Wrestling Association Mid-Atlantic champion ... A mainstay in the ECWA for over seven years ... Highlights of the past year included a steel cage match against Ty Street and a Chicago streetfight against Patch ... Calls himself "The Madman From The Badlands" ... Replaced Simon Diamond, who left for ECW, as lead instructor for the ECWA's training school.

183 MEN'S TEIOH (5'8", 196, 9, 180) Former star of the WWF and Michinoku Pro returned to his native Japan last year ... Made some appearances for Michinoku Pro before settling into Big Japan Pro Wrestling ... Competed in this year's Super J-Cup, but couldn't get past Jushin Liger ... Has competed in an array of bloody hardcore matches that don't exactly favor his scientific style ... Started his career under the name "Terry Boy," in tribute to his hero, Terry Funk ... Spent years as Dick Togo's right-hand man in Kaientai ... Long-time rulebreaker has now achieved a bit of cult status as a fan favorite ... Easy to spot with his bright, colorful hair.

184 MENG (6', 294, 23, 125) Master of the Tongan death grip had a rough year in WCW ... Fought off his former partner, The Barbarian, and Jimmy Hart ... Feuded with Brian Knobs, Norman Smiley, and Fit Finlay over the WCW hardcore title ... Incredible stamina and power ensure that Meng rarely chalks up clean losses ... Was released by WCW toward the end of the "500" grading period and started taking bookings for independent promotions.

185 ANTIFAZ DEL NORTE (6', 205, 7, 132) This former Mexican independent standout made his impact in EMLL this year as one of the top young guns ... Has dazzled ECW and WWF fans in short tenures with both organizations ... His matches with Super Crazy and Mosco De La Merced in ECW and Mexico are legendary ... Utilizes a mesmerizing flip plancha ... 2001 should be his breakout year.

186 FLASH FLANAGAN (6'2", 235, 8, 137) Has the distinction of being the longest-reigning PCW Americas champion of all-time ... Lost the belt in controversial fashion to Joe E. Legend ... Calls Ohio Valley Wrestling his home now and competes in nearby independents as well ... Has also competed in the East Coast Wrestling Association and the Grande Wrestling Alliance on occasion ... A former GWA Delaware state champ ... Rose to prominence in Music City Wrestling.

187 MASATO YAKUSHIJI (5'5", 159, 7, 198) Energetic high-flyer constantly amazes fans of Osaka Pro Wrestling ... Long-running feuds with his mentor, Dick Togo, and rulebreaker Black Buffalo continue ... Regular tag team partner of Naohiro Hoshikawa, the duo have enjoyed a steady run over the last three years ... Confounds his opponents with unique, high-risk combination moves ... Pet move is the swinging frankensteiner.

188 DAVE "FIT" FINLAY (5'10", 230, 22, 93) Hasn't found much success in WCW since returning from a leg injury in 1999 ... Trained Brian Knobs for hardcore matches and then turned against Knobs after Knobs won the WCW hardcore belt ... One of the toughest wrestlers ever to step inside of the ring ... Well-respected in North America as well as Europe.

189 DON MONTOYA (6', 270, 5, 225) The former super heavyweight dropped more than 100 pounds in the last year ... Tremendously agile, the big man routinely executes flying moves like the frog splash and tope ... Appears on cards up and down the East Coast, but appears most frequently in his home state of New Jersey ... Fought Mike Quackenbush in a 30-minute classic for the FWA title ... Favorite move is the Doctor Driver, a high-angle version of the gutwrench powerbomb.

190 ANGEL (6'2", 250, 4, NL) Took the unofficial "King Of The Streets" title from New Jack during the last year, but New Jack later reclaimed it by beating Angel ... He and partner DeVito are the founding members of Da Baldies ... They're hoping to win the ECW World tag title together ... Has attacked New Jack with a staple gun numerous times ... Was trained by WWF Hall of Famer Johnny Rodz.

191 APOLO DANTES (6', 230, 12, 169) This second-generation Lucha star is one of the top stars in EMLL ... Teamed several times this year with Universo Dos Mil and Mascara Ano Dos Mil as Los Capos ... Has held the EMLL light heavyweight title and the CMLL middleweight title.

192 THE BLUE BOY (6'1", 250, 6, 205) Big man has slimmed down considerably since his last appearance on WWF television ... Appeared in Memphis Championship Wrestling on a regular basis for much of the year ... Has improved his mat game considerably ... Was released by the WWF during the summer and decided to return to ECW as the very cocky Blue Boy ... Who would have thought he would ever chastise others for not being in shape? ... He and girlfriend Jasmin St. Claire (a former adult film star) plan to stir up a lot of trouble there.

193 MR. NIEBLA (5'9", 175, 8, 152) Niebla seemed to be shooting to the top early this year after taking two masks in a matter of weeks ... First, he unmasked the IWRG impostor Niebla. Then he shocked the world by taking the mask of Shocker, his former tag team partner ... A former CMLL tag team champ ... Uses a standing figure-four as his finisher.

194 NAOHIRO HOSHIKAWA (5'6", 182, 6, 200) Young star of Osaka Pro combines martial arts strikes with an array of textbook suplexes ... Fan favorite partner of the high-flying Masato Yakushiji; the two complement each other perfectly ... Loads his arsenal with hard kicks to the head and torso, including some from the top rope ... Competent singles wrestler has found his niche in the tag division, feuding with Dick Togo, Black Buffalo, Violencia and others ... His execution of the Northern Lights suplex is perfect, but he prefers to use the German suplex as his finisher.

195 MIKEY WHIPWRECK (5'7", 197, 6, NL) Hard to believe Mikey has won every title in ECW ... Had a mediocre year in which he returned to ECW after a failed stint in WCW ... Now sports red hair and an edgier attitude than ever before ... The Whippersnapper is still a formidable finisher, but his manager, The Sinister Minister, encourages him to use more bizarre tactics, like throwing fire ... Has had solid matches with Simon Diamond and Little Guido since his return.

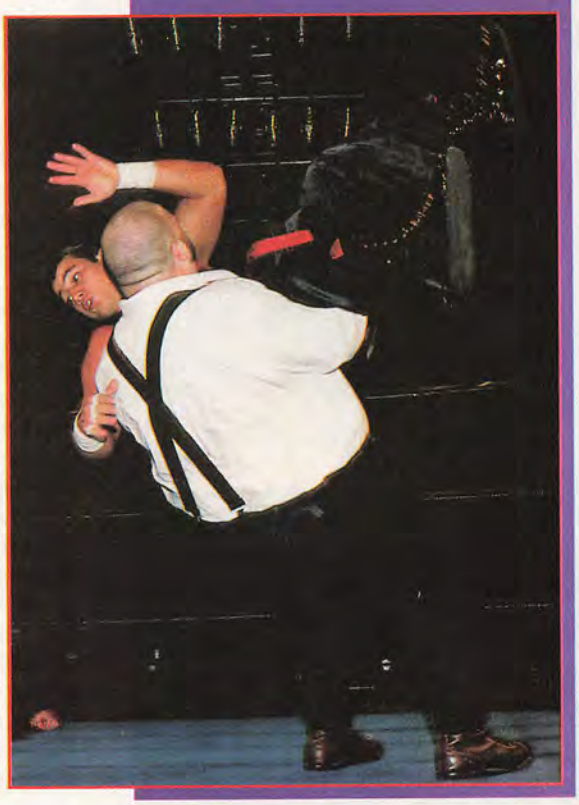
196 JOHNNY THE BULL (5'10", 241, 3, NL) He and Mamalukes partner Big Vito enjoyed a decent run in the WCW tag team division early in the year, as they feuded mostly with Don and Ron Harris ... Won the tag belts twice and were managed by Disco Inferno ... After splitting with Vito, Johnny received some hardcore training from Terry Funk ... Disguised himself as the masked Jamie-san of The Jung Dragons in order to steal the hardcore title away from Vito ... Suffered a serious injury while wrestling Funk in preparation for a match with Vito ... Landed hard while executing an over-the-top-rope legdrop and broke a bone at the end of his pelvis ... Was expected to be out for at least a few months.

197 SCORPIO JR. (6', 230, 5, 178) Another Luchadore who survived the curse of losing his mask ... Now sports bleached-blond hair ... He and tag partner Bestia Salvaje have moved beyond the tag team scene to form Los Guapos with Shocker; they are one of the most dominant trios teams in EMLL.

198 JIMMY CICERO (6'2", 250, 9, 150) Won the IPWA tag team title with long-time partner Cueball Carmichael twice as well as the Steel City Wrestling tag team title ... He spent a majority of last year feuding with Tom Brandi and Maryland Championship Wrestling's The Bruiser ... Cicero also wrestled for the WWF several times in dark matches.

199 EMILIO CHARLES JR. (5'8", 210, 20, 164) Formed an alliance with Tarzan Boy for tag team and trios matches ... This *technico* seemed to be returning to his old *rudo* ways this year ... Held the EMLL NWA middleweight, National trios, CMLL middleweight, and CMLL tag team titles ... A dangerous brawler with good, all-around mat skills.

200 CHRIS CHETTI (5'10", 227, 4, 160) Started a successful tag team with Nova in ECW, and they have come close to winning the tag team title on more than one occasion ... They have had some fine matches with Roadkill and Danny Doring ... Double-springboard moonsault is the feature move in his arsenal ... Injuries haven't kept him from using a variety of high-risk maneuvers ... Was a solid amateur wrestler who learned a lot from his cousin Tazz ... Don't let his fun-loving attitude fool you—this young star can be one of the most dangerous wrestlers in ECW.



201 JAMIE HOWARD (5'8", 195, 4, NL) The masked member of The Jung Dragons under the tutelage of Kaz Hayashi ... Usually referred to as Jamie-san ... Developed his skills for years in the Florida independents ... Has tried his hand in both the cruiserweight and hardcore divisions of WCW, but hasn't enjoyed much success as a singles wrestler ... The exciting Dragons have one spectacular triple-team move in which all three leap from the top of a turnbuckle and crush an opponent beneath them.

202 DR. CEREBRO (6', 200, 5, 182) This little-known wrestler to American Lucha fans has been tearing it up in Arena Naulcaupan's IWRG ... Known as the "King of Submission Maneuvers" ... Constantly improving upon on old moves ... Cerebro's influence is sure to be felt in Lucha for years to come, but probably without his name ever reaching the level of prominence he deserves.

203 SCOOT ANDREWS (5'11", 222, 7, 282) Debuted in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling as part of The New School, Al Getz' rulebreaking clique ... Made a favorable impression in this year's ECWA Super 8 Tournament ... Nickname is the "Black Nature Boy" ... A former Florida Championship Wrestling titleholder ... The frog splash is his finisher.

204 ADAM PEARCE (6'2", 242, 4, 247) Feuded with Dino Bambino, Danny Dominion, and Rikki Noga in the Midwest ... Defeated Scotty Zappa in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in what was considered All American Wrestling's match of the year ... Has held heavyweight titles in Steel Domain Championship Wrestling and St. Paul Championship Wrestling ... A great technical wrestler, but considered a hothead.

205 MARK HENRY (6'2", 413, 4, 116) Former Olympic weightlifter hasn't met the expectations WWF officials had for him when they signed him in 1996 ... Torrid affair with Mae Young disgusted many WWF fans ... Took on the moniker of "Sexual Chocolate" ... Uses a powerslam to set his foes up for his vertical splash finisher ... Spending some time in Louisville-based Ohio Valley Wrestling as he attempts to lose some weight and improve his conditioning ... WWF officials insist there could still be a place for him on the WWF roster if he meets the goals set for him.

206 GARY STEELE (6'4", 252, 5, 249) Became the first British wrestler to win the NWA title by pinning Naoya Ogawa in a three-way match also involving Brian Anthony at the NWA 51st anniversary show ... Tony Rumble hit Steele over the head with his trademark baseball helmet, causing him to lose the belt back to Ogawa ... Lost to Sinn (Chris Champion) in the finals of NWA U.K.-Hammerlock's Trans-Atlantic Challenge.

207 HACKSAW DUGGAN (6'3", 280, 23, NL) The patriotic fan favorite returned to the ring after a bout with cancer last year ... Opposed the reformed Varsity Club for a while ... Saved the WCW TV title from a dumpster and got it reinstated ... Both Duggan and the title disappeared again when WCW was re-launched on April 10 ... Tried his best to defeat Goldberg in a memorable contest, but was overwhelmed ... Always brings an American flag and his trusty two-by-four to the ring with him ... Favorite move is still the running tackle from a three-point stance.

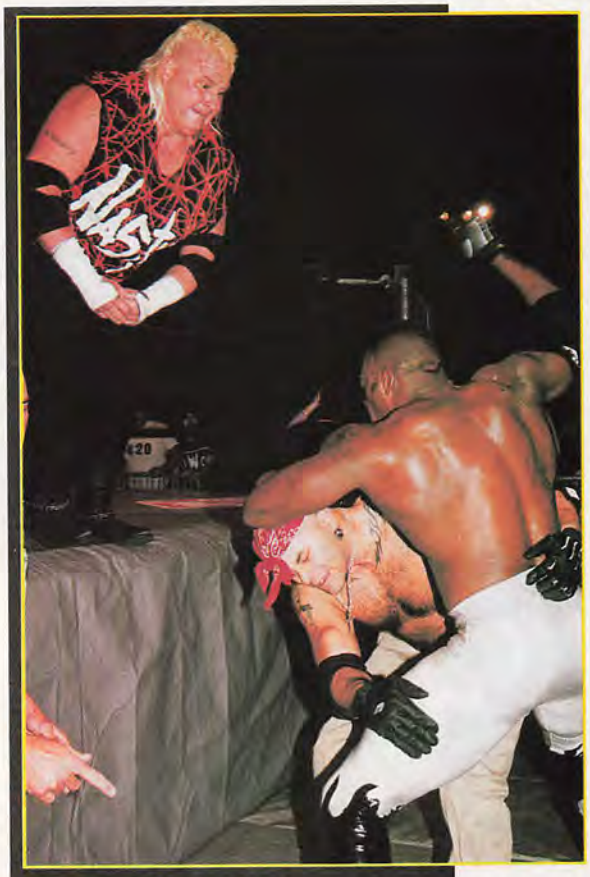
208 JOE E. LEGEND (6'5", 255, 9, 232) The Canadian star is stirring up trouble in the WWF, stooging wrestlers off against each other ... Says he prefers to be called "just Joe" now ... Defeated Flash Flanagan for the PCW Americas title earlier in the year ... Won the Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling/Giorgio Foods Tag Team Tournament with partner Jason Lee ... His WWF commitments forced him to vacate the Americas championship ... He and Edge, when they were tag partners, were known as Sex and Violence.

209 EL DANDY (5'6", 195, 19, 254) Split his time between wrestling in Mexico and WCW before being released by WCW shortly before the end of the "500" grading period ... Should be returning to Mexico on a full-time basis ... Formed Los Fabulosos in WCW with Silver King, but the duo, led by Miss Hancock, failed to win tag team gold ... Decorated middleweight in his home country ... A veteran Luchadore with years of international experience under his belt ... His pinning combination, the Dandy roll, is an excellent finisher.

210 DUSTY RHODES (6'1", 310, 28, NL) "The American Dream" is back ... Three-time former NWA World heavyweight champ looked like the Dusty of old in his feud with Steve Corino ... Was the first man to bloody Corino in ECW ... "The King Of Old School" tasted quite a few bionic elbows From Rhodes in 2000 ... Soundly defeated Corino in a bullrope match at the Living Dangerously pay-per-view ... Looked good in a few tag team matches with Tommy Dreamer early in the year, but it doesn't seem likely that Dusty will be pursuing any tag team gold at this stage of his career.

211 MAJOR STASH (6'8", 320, 10, 179) The former Van Hammer, Stash re-emerged in WCW as a member of the Misfits in Action ... Has since been given new marching orders that stripped him of rank and got him dismissed from WCW ... Capable tag team wrestler is better off in singles ... Rulebreaking style and attitude haven't won him many fans ... Brutally powerful wrestler whose best days are probably behind him.

212 COLORADO KID (6'3", 235, 7, 210) Former NWA North American champion ... Dropped the title to Chris Harris which began a long feud ... Interfered in many of Harris' matches ... Perrenial top contender to the NWA heavyweight title ... After being courted by the WWF, he signed with WCW ... Can be seen on *WCW Monday Nitro* and *Thunder* as a member of R & B Security ... Sometimes wrestles on *WCW Worldwide* ... A favorite with the fans.



213 BRIAN KNOBS (6'1", 295, 13, 190) Three-time WCW hardcore champion in 2000 disappeared from WCW TV soon after Eric Bischoff and Vince Russo took over creative control of the company in April ... Feuded with Fit Finlay for a while, but also received some hardcore training from the rugged Irishman ... Started sporting camouflage fatigues ... Former Nasty Boy was a world tag team champion with Jerry Sags in both the WWF and WCW ... Uses a variety of weapons to his advantage.

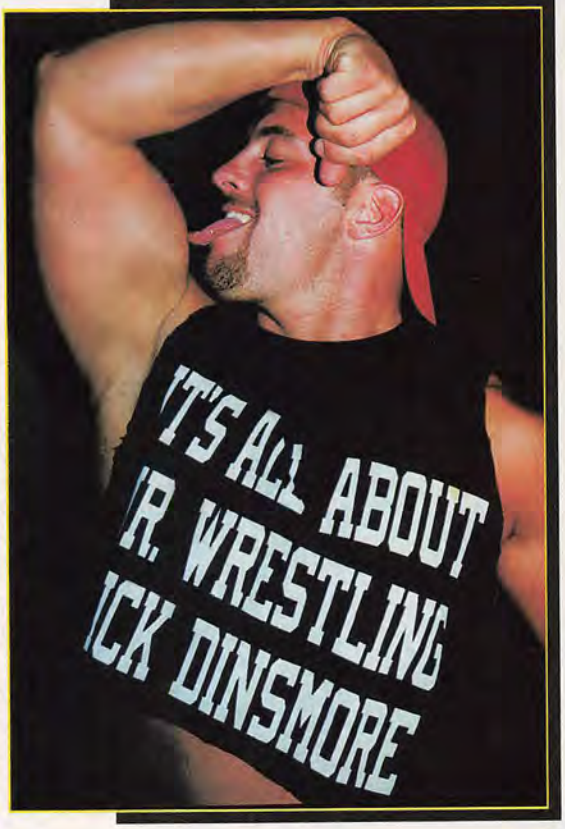
214 TOM BRANDI (6'3", 255, 15, 201) Former WWF and WCW heavyweight has wrestled as Salvatore Sincere and Johnny Gunn in the past ... Competes almost exclusively in the Northeast for promotions like Maryland Championship Wrestling, Int'l Pro Wrestling, NWA Jersey, Northeast Wrestling, and many others ... Is the current IPWA heavyweight champion, but faces stiff competition from challengers Cueball Carmichael, Jimmy Cicero, and Big Slam ... Surprised fans when he took Harvey Whippleman on as a manager in IPW ... Has bounced back and forth between being a fan favorite and rulebreaker more times than we can count ... Maryland fans hate him for constantly blowing a shrill whistle into the ring mic before his matches.

215 STEVEN RICHARDS (6'2", 227, 8, 185) ECW mainstay landed in WCW for a few months before joining the WWF ... Annoyed a lot of WWF superstars by dressing and acting like them ... Used to be a fun-loving guy, but surprised everyone when he cut his hair short, began wearing white shirts and ties to the ring, and tried to censor what he considered to be objectionable WWF programming ... Won't even allow the Dudleys to use tables because he has deemed that to be excessive violence ... Currently allied with Bull Buchanan.

216 ZUMBIDO (5'9", 200, 6, NL) Feuded with Antifaz Del Norte over the NAWA middleweight title this year ... The two traded the belt in Nuevo Laredo with Zumbido winning it on April 17 and then losing it back to Antifaz on July 2 in the same city ... Defended AAA in its war against the LLL, a renegade, NWO-type group ... This *rudo* sometimes teams with Scorpio Jr. or Shocker.

217 GANGREL (6'3", 256, 12, 102) Former leader of The Brood was out for a long period with a number of injuries ... His former charges Edge and Christian have gone on to greater success without him ... Briefly allied himself with The Hardy Boyz, trying to draw them into the Brood fold ... Drinks a blood-like substance before matches, then sometimes tries to spew it at his opponents ... Was also known as the Vampire Warrior at one time ... Signature finisher is the impaler DDT.

218 NICK DINSMORE (6', 226, 4, NL) Competes mainly in Ohio Valley Wrestling; he's a graduate of their wrestling school ... Considered to be the best technical wrestler in OVW ... Recently signed a developmental contract with the WWF ... Was a member of his high school wrestling and football teams ... Idolized The British Bulldogs as a kid.



219 THE BARBARIAN (6'5", 295, 19, 192) Big and strong, but never saw great success while wrestling in WCW ... Was released by WCW shortly before the end of the "500" grading period and began appearing in various independent promotions ... His flying headbutt is still a feared finisher, even more so than Chris Benoit's ... Has lost a step or two, but is still tremendously powerful ... Uses a fantastic belly-to-belly superplex on occasion.

220 HECTOR GARZA (5'10", 205, 6, NL) Virtually forgotten by WCW, Garza has been plying his trade in AAA in recent months ... The knee injury that originally forced him out of WCW hasn't seemed to bother him ... Returned to AAA where he teams with Perro Aguayo Jr. and Latin Lover for trios matches ... Garza has quickly re-established himself as a top Luchadore ... Last ranked in the 1997 "*PWI* 500".

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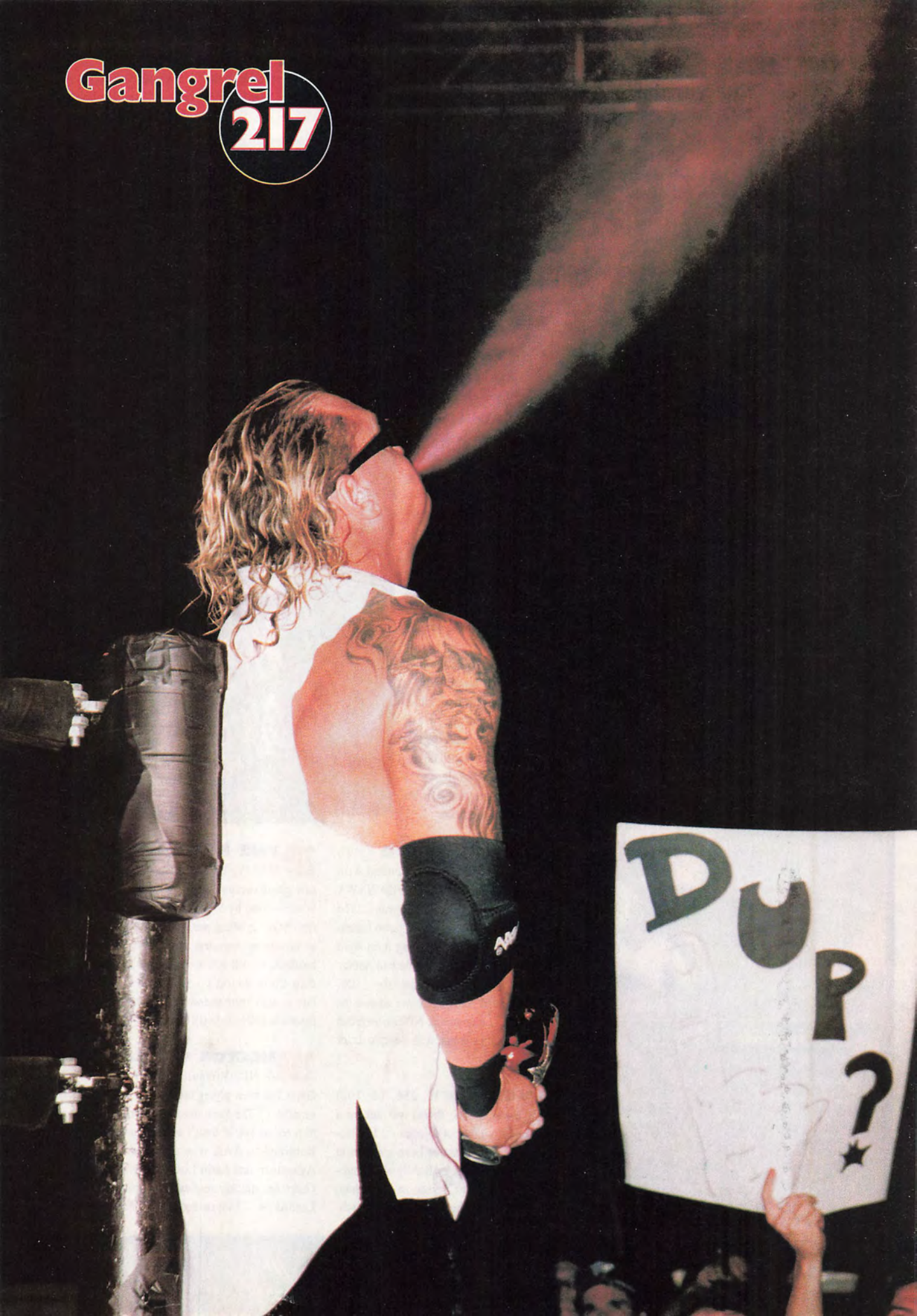


221 MIDIAN (6'1", 246, 10, 155) Abandoned his gimmick as a pig farmer and Godwinn boy (Phineas was his name) to join The Undertaker's Ministry of Darkness, albeit against his will initially ... Hasn't enjoyed much success since his conversion ... Former WWF tag team champion is rarely seen on *Raw* or *Smackdown* anymore ... Was given the WWF European title by Shane McMahon for a period, but didn't win any respect while he had it ... Refers to his finishing move as the eye opener.

222 STEVEN REGAL (6'4", 247, 16, 233) Long-time star of WCW didn't impress many during his first (very brief) stint with the WWF ... In top shape now after battling some serious drug and alcohol problems ... Spending time in Memphis Championship Wrestling, where he's been feuding with Reckless Youth ... Had a stellar match with Chris Benoit at this year's Brian Pillman Memorial Show ... Started his wrestling career in carnivals in England when he was a teenager ... New neckbreaker variation is dubbed the Union Jack ... Trademark submission hold is the Regal stretch ... Ready for another run in the WWF, but not likely as a "real man's man."

223 CHAD COLLYER (5'9", 218, 2, 472) Feuding with Heartland Wrestling Association cruiserweight champion Shark Boy ... Participated in the 2000 ECWA Super 8 Tournament ... Competes regularly in Ohio, Florida, and California ... Wrestles frequently in Japan's Michinoku Pro and BattleArts promotions ... His finishing move is the dragon suplex ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... Two-time NCAA national finalist in collegiate wrestling and recognized as the 1995 NCAA West Regional champion.

224 DAVID FLAIR (5'11", 205, 2, NL) Has earned the grudging respect of his peers after being pushed too far and too fast last year ... Along with his partner, Crowbar, won the WCW World tag team title ... Became the pet project of Vince Russo during Russo's war with his father, Ric Flair ... Was turned against Ric and adopted Russo as his new father figure ... Got engaged to his girlfriend, Daffney, but it was later revealed he was cheating on her with the leggy Miss Hancock ... His dedication to learning his father's craft has become apparent.

225 STEVEN DUNN (6', 232, 15, 220) He and Reno Riggins comprise The Tennessee Volz ... The Volz are five-time NWA/MCW tag team champions ... Competes in NWA Wildside ... Effective with chairs ... Former USWA titleholder ... Became a tag team specialist in the Pacific Northwest, where he won the tag team championship seven times ... Resides in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

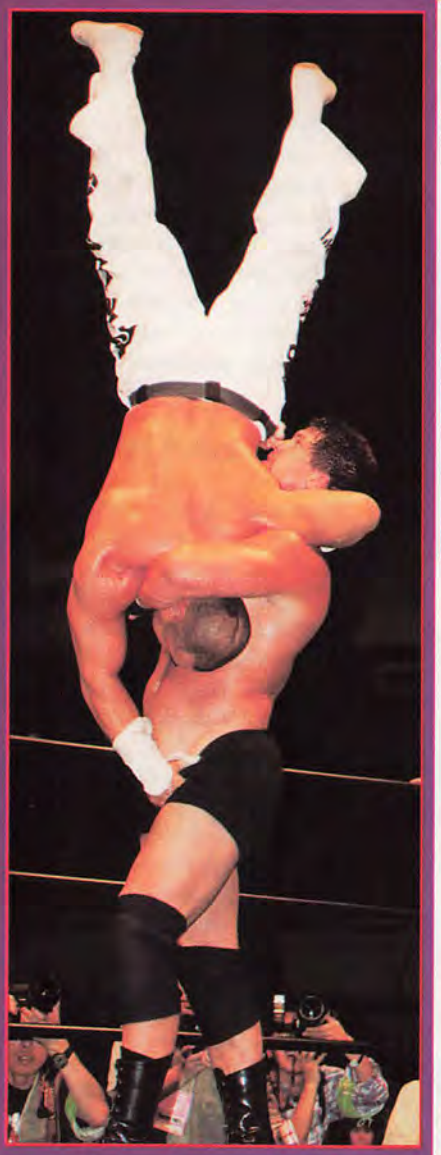
226 KING KONG BUNDY (6'4", 446, 19, 229) Has competed for ISPW, MCW, the NWL, and Northeast Wrestling since leaving the WWF again in the mid-1990s ... Defeated Tom Brandi for the International Pro Wrestling title on January 15 in Freeland, Pennsylvania ... Feuded with Brandi up and down the East Coast ... Alternates between fan favorite and rulebreaker, depending on his mood ... The top contender to NWL champion John Rambo.

227 SHANE EDEN (5'11", 205, 4, 263) Former two-time NWA North American tag team champion ... Calls himself "Stylin' Shane" ... His favorite maneuver is the huracanrana from the top rope ... From Jacksonville, Florida ... Turned on the fans last year when they didn't accept him as "the sexiest thing" in NWA Worldwide ... Ex-partner of Frenchy Riviera.

228 AXL ROTTEN (6'2", 278, 12, 149) This hardcore warrior left ECW and returned to the independents this year ... Has competed for such hardcore independent groups as Jersey All Pro on the East Coast and Xtreme Pro Wrestling on the West Coast ... Although he mainly relies upon barbed-wire and other objects in his matches, Axl is a talented technical wrestler—when he chooses to show it.

229 RODNEY (6'2", 236, 2, NL) One-third of The Mean Street Posse and childhood friend of Shane McMahon ... Rose to prominence as a member of Shane's posse, but soon found himself outwrestled by his more seasoned opponents ... Wrestled for several independent promotions on the East Coast ... Transferred to Memphis Championship Wrestling by the WWF to gain experience ... Has a decent moonsault in his arsenal.

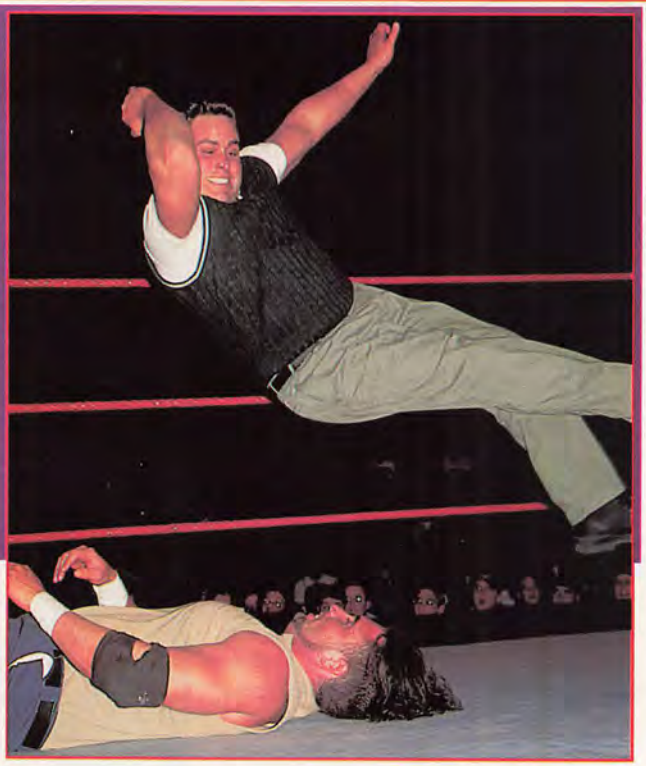
230 TARZAN BOY (5'8", 195, 6, NL) Although his "pretty boy" looks haven't endeared him to the veteran fans of EMLL and Arena Mexico, his abundant skill has certainly gained him respect ... The split from long-time tag partner Zorro did not hold him back for long; he has become one of the very few twenty-something wrestlers to break out of mid-carder status in a promotion known for it's veteran stars.



231 MIKE BARTON (6'4", 256, 8, 156) The former Bart Gunn has found success in All-Japan after being let go by the WWF ... Teamed with Johnny Ace to win the International tag team title several times ... Former WWF World tag team champion with brother Billy ... Still a good fighter and solid mat wrestler ... His wrestling style suits the All-Japan rings very well.

232 TRAILER PARK TRASH (6'1", 230, 5, NL) This white trash guy lives in a mobile home and enjoys redneck activities like camping, fishing, and painting cars ... Must have painted one too many cars without proper ventilation because he was crazy enough to become the first Ohio Valley Wrestling hardcore champion ... A favorite with the fans because of his work ethic ... Often called the "heart and soul" of OVW ... Has also wrestled for Tennessee, Ohio, and Pennsylvania independents ... A gutsy wrestler who has a solid, all-around repertoire.

233 PETE GAS (6'4", 270, 2, NL) Another member of The Mean Street Posse ... Was helped out early in his career by childhood friend Shane McMahon ... Fared rather poorly once Shane left the Posse to themselves ... Was sent to the WWF developmental group in Memphis to regain momentum and gain experience ... Has to get hot while wrestling in that sweater vest ... A pure brawler with little technical knowledge.



234 LENNY LANE (5'10", 212, 5, 188) This former WCW cruiserweight champion is a veteran of the Midwest independents ... Spent a good part of his WCW tenure teaming with Lodi under a plethora of names ... With Miss Hancock acting as their manager, the duo wrestled as Standards and Practices ... The relationship was doomed to fail ... So was the tandem of Lane and Rave (Lodi) ... Still appears in the Minnesota area from time to time ... Recently returned to WCW after publicly announcing he was looking to take his career to the WWF.

235 ACE DARLING (6', 230, 8, 224) A former three-time Independent Superstars of Pro Wrestling champion ... Defeated challengers Chris Candido, Axl Rotten, 2 Cold Scorpio, and The Iron Sheik ... Feuding with current champ Samu ... Managed by Miss Kara ... Dropped the title to WCW's Crowbar this year.

236 CHAZ (6', 243, 9, 124) The former Headbanger Mosh has held both the WWF and NWA tag team championships ... The reunited Headbangers were not able to make much headway in the ultra-competitive WWF tag team division this year ... Briefly struck out on his own and used his real name, but was lost in singles competition ... His stint as the ridiculous Beaver Cleavage was completely forgettable ... A former Maryland Championship Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Hopes to find success as partner of D-Lo Brown.

237 PIERRE-CARL OULETTE (6'1", 235, 15, 223) The former three-time WWF World tag team champ entered Northern Championship Wrestling after recovering from a knee injury ... Spent most of 1999 in Memphis as Kris Cannonball ... Joined Piranah's war against The Booker's Mafia of Bertrand Hebert ... Battled old Memphis nemesis Glen Kulka in the main event of Challengemania 8.

238 JASON LEE (5'11", 219, 4, NL) Competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling as well as the Tennessee and Ohio independents ... Arrogant, flashy youngster who has a solid grasp on technical wrestling, but can trade punches with the best of them ... Held the Ohio Valley Wrestling tag team title with partner Rip Rogers ... Former tag team partner of Joe E. Legend ... He and Legend won the first annual PCW Giorgio Foods Tag Team Tournament ... Seeking a match with PCW champion Cheetah Master.

239 STAN HANSEN (6'5", 309, 27, 214) This legendary cowboy is riding off into the sunset of his career ... Few wrestlers can match his toughness and intensity ... Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan where he is regarded as an American legend ... Has held numerous All-Japan singles and tag team titles ... A regular partner to Vader ... Known for hurting his opponents with his lariat and his backbreaker.

240 CHILLY WILLY (6', 250, 3, NL) The charismatic "Mr. Homeboy" is quickly becoming a favorite with ECW fans ... A veteran of the Southern independents, Chilly brings his carefree attitude to the ring with him, and the fans have been quick to embrace him ... Adequate brawler and an above-average mat wrestler as well ... Claims he enjoys entering toughman competitions during his time away from the ring.

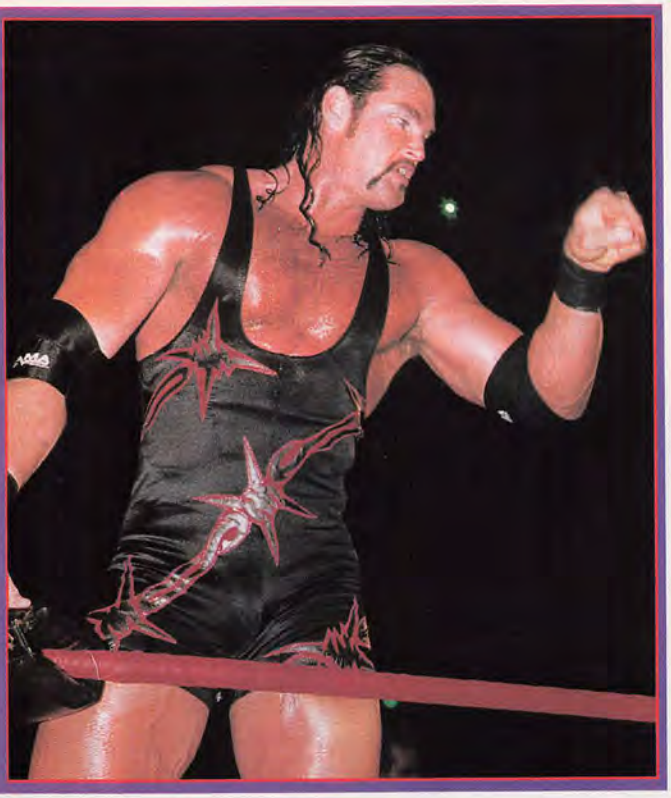
241 TRACEY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 18, 244) This veteran has returned to the Tennessee independents ... Has held numerous singles and tag team titles throughout his career ... A former ECW tag team champion with Little Guido ... A prototypical old-school wrestler from the mid-1980s: He knows how to wrestle and when to throw punches.

242 LOU MARCONI (5'11", 227, 8, 218) It's been a tough year for "Beef Stew" ... A mainstay in Steel City Wrestling until it ceased operations this year ... Now wrestles for several independents in the Pittsburgh area ... Held the Steel City heavyweight, TV, and tag team belts ... A beefy brawler who is also technically skilled ... Has taken Mike Quackenbush to the limit in the past ... His lariat finisher is one of the fiercest in the area.

243 RENO RIGGINS (5'11", 238, 12, 208) A member of The Tennessee Volz with Steven Dunn ... They won the NWA/MCW North American tag team title five times ... Former USWA Southern champion ... Has held the European middleweight title ... Can't resist jumping people from behind ... Resides in Nashville, Tennessee ... Ex-preliminary wrestler in the WWF.

244 VIC CAPRI (5'8", 210, 2, NL) The "Icepick" has quietly established himself as one of the top cruiserweights on the American independent scene ... Trained by Sam DeCero and got his start in Windy City Wrestling ... Held the WCPW light heavyweight, tag team, and league titles ... Currently feuding with Jayson Reign and The Furies ... Competed in ECWA's Super 8 tournament, losing in the opening round to Christopher Daniels, the eventual tournament winner ... Has also wrestled for Wolverine Pro Wrestling ... Likes to use either the Icepick DDT or the Viagra driver as his finisher.

245 BRYAN CLARK (6'6", 292, 9, NL) Has formed a new tag team with Brian Adams called Kronic ... Along with Adams, beat Shane Douglas and Buff Bagwell to win the WCW World tag team championship ... Made fools out of Chuck Palumbo and Shawn Stasiak ... Agile big man routinely flies off the top turnbuckle ... Has spent a lot of time on the sidelines nursing injuries during the last year ... His pump-handle slam is one of the most devastating maneuvers in any WCW wrestler's repertoire.



246 KRONUS (6'4", 256, 11, 237) A tough brawler who has made the transition from tag team competition to hard core singles success ... This former ECW tag team champion found a home for himself in the California-based XPW which is similar to ECW in its formative years ... Not afraid to spill a gallon of his own blood to extract a pint from his opponent ... Also competes for several New Jersey independents.

247 SATANICO (5'9", 214, 27, NL) Part of the original Los Infernales ... Satanico recently reformed the legendary threesome with youngsters Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Buccanero ... This new trio is living up to the legend of the original group ... With his tutelage and leadership, Los Nuevos Infernales has quickly climbed the ranks to become one of the top trios teams in EMLL.

248 RICO CONSTANTINO (6', 245, 1, NL) This Monterey, California, native has turned heads in Ohio Valley Wrestling with his style and charisma ... Wrestled in Power Pro Wrestling and held the heavyweight title before leaving for OVW ... A former Las Vegas paramedic and police officer ... Held the OVW heavyweight title twice this year ... Signed a developmental contract with the WWF in May ... Also a former Empire Wrestling Federation heavyweight champ ... Was the 1990 *American Gladiators* champion and *Ft. Breyard* (the French version of American Gladiators) champ.

249 TONY KOZINA (5'6", 168, 3, 341) Made it to the end of the junior heavyweight royal rumble at the NWA 51st anniversary show, only to be eliminated by Twiggy Ramirez and interfering manager Madonna Wayne Gacy; the winner was supposed to receive a title shot at NWA junior heavyweight champ Logan Caine ... Used the Internet to lobby for a match against Caine, whom he defeated on January 14 ... The ECCW mainstay then embarked on a world tour ... Held the NWA Canadian junior heavyweight belt twice last year, trading the title with "Playboy" Buddy Rose Jr.

250 PIERROTH JR. (5'10", 240, 18, NL) This king of *rudos* proved to be quite villainous this year by kidnapping and eating Super Porky's beloved pet pig Pepe ... He tried the same with Tinieblas' Alushe, but was unsuccessful ... Is the new head of the EMLL Boriquas, teaming with Fuerza Guerrera and Violencia ... Former Promo Azteca light heavyweight champion ... Has also competed in the WWF and AAA ... Last ranked in the 1997 "*PWI* 500".

251 VISCERA (6'10", 503, 8, 186) The 1995 King of the Ring hasn't had many big wins since that tournament ... Joined The Undertaker's Ministry of Darkness after languishing in the Memphis independents for a spell ... Injuries kept him out of the ring for several months in 2000 ... Enjoys more success as a singles wrestler despite being a former WWF tag team champion ... Responsible for prematurely forcing Mae Young into labor in one of the most bizarre episodes of *Raw* in history ... Finisher is a basic big splash.

252 BEAU JAMES (5'10", 280, 10, 264) Wrestled as a fan favorite for five months before turning against long-time rival Ricky Harrison ... Held the Southern States Wrestling tag team title twice with Buddy Landell and K.C. Thunder, respectively ... He and Tracey Smothers held the Hardcore Championship Wrestling tag team belts ... Defeated Harrison in a loser-leaves-town match ... The self-proclaimed "King Of The Southern Indies" expanded his territory to Maryland and New Jersey this year.

253 ACE STEEL (5'9", 207, 9, 255) Held the AWA tag team title with Danny Dominion in Indiana ... He and Dominion defended the tag belts against The Road Warriors ... A good technical wrestler ... The Hardbodies competed in the WXO ... His flamboyant masks and ring attire make him a hated man.

254 FRANK STALLETTO (6'2", 237, 7, 236) The "Handsome" one has had a rough year ... His home promotion, Steel City Wrestling, ceased operations, leaving him without a regular promotion ... Has extensive technical experience and knowledge, but refuses to use it. Instead, he relies upon taking short cuts ... Has wrestled throughout the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia area ... A former Steel City tag team champion.

255 DOUG GILBERT (6'2", 241, 13, 176) Competes throughout the Mid-South and Japan ... Appears occasionally in Illinois' Independent Championship Wrestling ... Son of Tommy Gilbert and younger brother of the late Eddie Gilbert ... From Memphis ... Former NWA National champion ... Unofficial king of Southern hardcore ... Chain matches are his specialty.

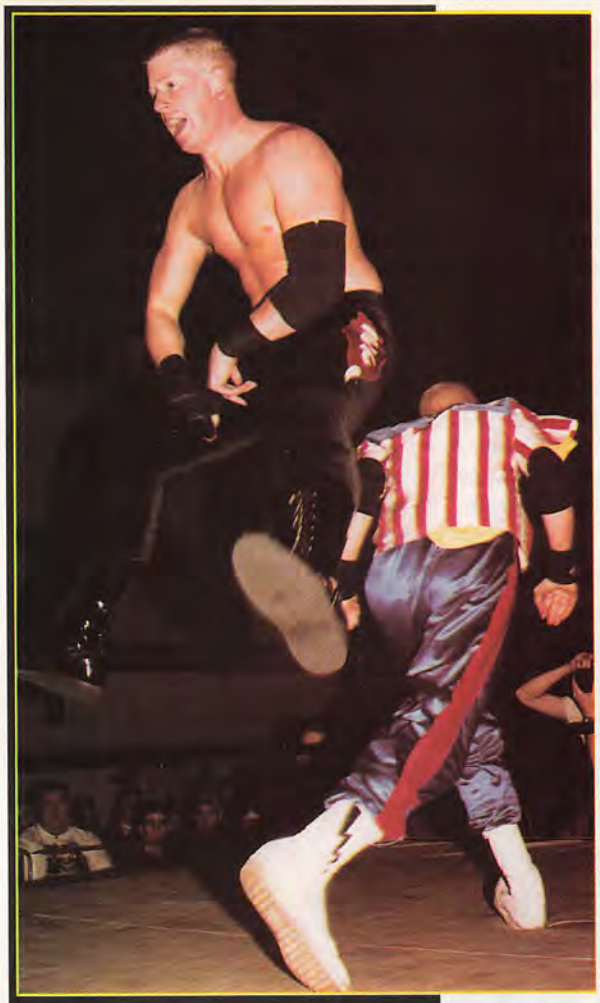
256 HORACE HOGAN (6'2", 240, 10, 270) The "Hulkster's" nephew is a veteran of FMW in Japan, but he hasn't wrestled in many dangerous hardcore matches in WCW these last few years ... Hasn't held any titles during his stay in WCW ... Got squashed by Goldberg in one of his biggest matches during the past year ... Teamed with his uncle on a few occasions, but they also had trouble getting along at times ... One of the highlights of his year had to be getting a massage from Torrie Wilson ... Billy Kidman, of course, didn't appreciate that ... Doesn't have much in the way of technical knowledge, but tries to make up for it with raw power.

257 TONY MAMALUKE (5'11", 219, 2, NL) The newest member of The Full-Blooded Italians ... Spent several months in WCW managing Big Vito and Johnny the Bull before entering ECW as a competitor ... A superb aerialist who is not afraid to take risks ... Trained by Dean Malenko, which explains his impressive technical skills ... A native of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

258 DeVITO (5'11", 245, 8, NL) Sneakiest member of Da Baldies has his sights set on the ECW tag team title ... Spent eight years on the Northeast independent scene before he and Angel tried to take out New Jack ... Though he prefers streetfights to scientific matches, the cigar-chomping DeVito does have a nice moonsault press that he uses from time to time ... Wrestled extensively in preliminary matches in the WWF in the early-1990s.

259 HEADBANGER THRASHER (6'2", 245, 9, 243) Returned from a serious knee injury to re-form The Headbangers with Mosh ... They are former NWA and WWF tag team champions ... Languished in the singles division briefly while Mosh struck out on his own ... Student of the New Jersey independents still appears there from time to time ... Now that Mosh (Chaz) is teaming with D-Lo Brown, his WWF future is uncertain.

260 ROBBIE D (6'2", 240, 3, NL) "Slick" Robbie is the most controversial, outspoken wrestler in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Under developmental contract with the WWF ... Has the skill to back up his constantly running mouth ... Claims to have a 48-inch vertical leap ... Was an amateur wrestling champion in his hometown of Baton Rouge ... Also a two-time All-American wrestler at Fresno State ... Was a big fan of Rick Steamboat while growing up.



261 JET JAGUAR (5'8", 175, 4, 274) Beat Jeff Peterson in the opening round of the ECWA Super 8 Tournament, but had to withdraw from the tournament due to injuries ... Participated in the HWA's annual Brian Pillman tribute show ... The current Independent Pro Wrestling light heavyweight champion ... Belongs to 911 Inc., managed by Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV ... Had incredible battles with Jamie-san of The Jung Dragons and Scoot Andrews ... Hired by WCW but released shortly thereafter because of corporate cutbacks.

262 DANNY DOMINION (6'1", 233, 8, 267) Had an on- and off-again relationship with his Hollywood Hardbodies partner, Ace Steel ... Held the St. Paul Championship Wrestling title ... He and Steel were AWA tag champs in Indiana and held back The Road Warriors ... Engaged in several memorable matches against Colt Cabana.

263 MIKE ROTUNDO (6'3", 244, 19, 257) Former WWF and WCW tag team champion is still a capable singles competitor, but is nearing the end of his career ... Re-formed The Varsity Club with Kevin Sullivan and Rick Steiner, but the best thing about that group was cheerleader Leia Meow ... They disbanded when the nostalgia quickly wore off ... Feuded with Jim Duggan for a spell ... Gifted mat technician learned his craft on the Syracuse University team before turning pro ... Loves to use the flying clothesline to polish off opponents.

264 J.R. RYDER (6'3", 235, 4, 287) This East Coast competitor has branched out this year, wrestling all over the Northeast and also Hawaii ... Has also wrestled for the WWF in dark matches ... Formed an alliance with Inferno Kid and the WWF's Kevin Kelly in ECWA and called themselves the "Connecticut Connection" ... Has feuded with Cheetah Master and the pro-ECWA contingent ... Held the ECWA tag team title with Inferno Kid.

265 PIMPINELLA ESCARLOTTA (5'8", 170, 13, NL) This veteran *Exotico* has quickly become the "*Reyna* of Arena Mexico" upon "her" return ... After spending a few years on the Mexican independent scene, Pimpinella has brought his incredible mat skills to EMLL ... Has wrestled for Monterrey independents as well as AAA ... This *rudo* has garnered respect from wrestlers and fans alike, despite his lack of popular name recognition.

266 THE INFERNO KID (6'4", 240, 6, 280) Feuding with Independent Superstars of Pro Wrestling champion Samu ... Hates the entire Samoan wrestling family ... Also battling Samu's brother, L.A. Smooth ... Has been feuding with ECWA promotor Jim Kettner as a member of Kevin Kelly's Connecticut Connection... Appeared on *WWF Jakked* ... Getting a taste of the big time in WWF dark matches ... A cocky son of a gun.

267 ERICH SBRACCIA (6'4", 275, 17, 262) Held the NWA tag team title with Knuckles Nelson, his partner in The Brotherhood ... They feuded with Public Enemy throughout the year over the belts ... Defended the championship in Japan ... Once managed by Tony Rumble ... His finishing move is an elbowsmash off the top rope ... Nicknamed "Mr. Intensity."

268 TONY ANTHONY (6'1", 235, 23, 227) The "Dirty White Boy" is still active in the Mid-South independents ... This veteran wrestler may be either loved or hated by the fans, but is always respected ... Has held a slew of titles throughout the Southern states ... His tough, brawling ring style is complimented by his strong punches ... Sometimes managed by his wife, "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly.

269 B.J. PAYNE (6'1", 245, 1, NL) This rookie is one of the most promising newcomers in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Moved from his native Chicago to Louisville to train at OVW's wrestling school ... Loves to lift weights, a passion that is evident by his physique ... A two-sport athlete in high school ... Uses his strength wisely in the ring, but his inexperience shows when he's matched against veteran wrestlers.

270 MICHELLE STARR (6'3", 255, 13, 293) Co-holder of the NWA Canadian tag team title with Crusher Carlson ... "The Gorgeous One" has also held the NWA Canadian, NWA Vancouver Island, and ECCW heavyweight championships ... Based in Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Has also competed in the U.S., Japan, Korea, and Mexico ... Defeated Rocky Matsuda and Hirano in Japan ... Added the Starr-bomb (an atomic drop turned power bomb) to his repertoire.

271 K.C. THUNDER (6'1", 255, 14, 259) Co-holder of the Southern States tag team title with "Handsome" Beau James ... A member of The Family with cousins Beau James and Steve Flynn ... Managed by P.J. Sharp ... Missed three months because of a broken collarbone ... Known for his wild-colored tights ... Also competes in SCW, NWA/NCW Wildside, and South Carolina's WWC ... Trained by former NWA junior heavyweight champion Nelson Royal.

272 OLIMPICO (5'10", 182, 8, NL) His feud in EMLL with Blue Panther has escalated through the year ... A masked *technico* who is not afraid to use hardcore tactics to win a match ... He's not afraid to bleed, either, and finished several matches this year covered in blood.

273 MAJOR DeBEERS (5'11", 250, 24, 261) Fooled fans into thinking he was a fan favorite for two months, then turned against Natrone Steele ... Known as Southern Championship Wrestling's "Grandfather Of Hardcore" ... Held the SCW North Carolina state title twice this year ... Another hated rival is "Beastmaster" Rick Link ... Competed in the WWF, NWA, AWA, and Mid-South under various identities during his career ... Managed by Count Grog ... From Sun City, South Africa.

274 JONNIE STEWART (6'1", 263, 13, 283) The former AWA champ ran for the 10th District of Illinois' U.S. Congress seat this year as a Republican but was unsuccessful ... Featured in the *New York Times Magazine* on January 16, along with ex-WWF champ Bob Backlund, in a freewheeling discussion about wrestling and politics ... Signed a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Inferno, a developmental pro football team ... Hopes to play in the XFL ... The multi-talented Stewart is also a former race car driver.

275 MARK SHRADER (5'10", 212, 7, 268) Forced to retire from Maryland Championship Wrestling after losing a match to one of his students, Gregory Martin ... Remains an MCW official while competing in other promotions ... Held the ECWA tag team title with Thunder and, ironically, held the FWA tag title with Martin ... Also wrestles in West Virginia's ATCW ... "The Shark" hails from the warm waters of Ocean City, Maryland.

276 TWIGGY RAMIREZ (5'10", 213, 5, 251) Defended the NWA 2000 title against Gangrel, Harley Lewis, and Inferno Kid ... Beat Rik Ratchet for the Independent Wrestling Federation title in November 1999 ... His top contender is Kevin Knight ... Won a battle royal at the NWA 51st Anniversary Show to earn a shot at junior heavyweight champion Logan Caine later on the card; Caine walked away victorious ... Managed by the flamboyant Madonna Wayne Gacy ... Based in New Jersey.

277 ROB CONWAY (6', 240, 3, NL) Calls himself the "Ironman" ... Wrestles primarily in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Uses a glove to pad his Iron fist that many opponents claim is loaded with a foreign object ... His Iron fist helped him win the OVW heavyweight title ... A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ... A key member of Bolin Services.

278 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (6'3", 255, 6, 272) Feuded with the masked Unknown Soldier, who kept interfering in Punishment's matches ... The mystery man turned out to be Julio Fantastico, who defeated Punishment in a bloody boot camp match ... Turned against long-time friend The Bruiser, causing him to lose the Maryland Championship Wrestling title to Jimmy Cicero.

279 BILL WILES (5'11", 260, 4, NL) Thanks to his partnership with C.W. Anderson and Lou E. Dangerously, Wiles went from working on ECW's ring crew to becoming a major tag team player ... Wrestled for several New Jersey and Pennsylvania independents before joining ECW ... Was unceremoniously dumped by Anderson, but continues to be seen with The Dangerous Alliance's Electra ... Now adding a little comedy to his routine by coming out as the Elvis Presley Impersonator, Billvis Wesley ... Native of Brick, New Jersey.

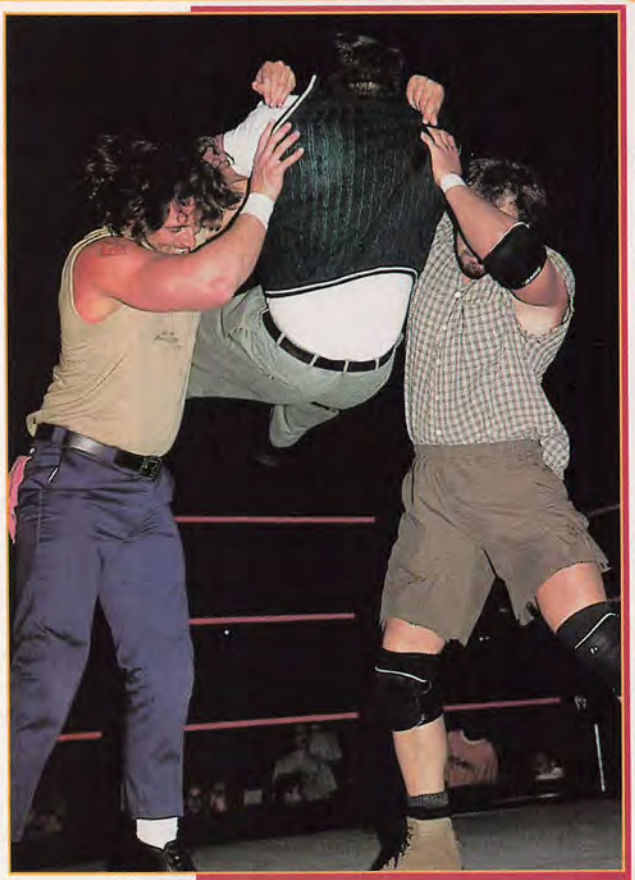
280 ANDRE BAKER (5'9", 240, 20, 292) The seemingly corrupt commissioner of NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Former nightclub bouncer who is a legitimate holder of black belts in eight different martial arts ... Has become a British wrestling legend ... Engaged "The Vigilante" Jonny Moss in a series of first-blood, falls-count-anywhere, and hardcore matches ... Lost to then-NWA champ Dan Severn in Haledon, New Jersey, in 1995.

281 DORY FUNK JR. (6'2", 250, 36, 269) This veteran wrestler still keeps busy wrestling several matches a year ... Can usually be found training young competitors at his Dojo training camp in Florida ... Also frequently visits Japan where he still wrestles from time to time ... Has teamed with brother Terry recently althought the two have feuded several times in the past ... Strong technical wrestler who has probably forgotten more holds than most wrestlers learn.

282 DAMAJA (6'2", 235, 1, NL) This 23-year-old is already a former Ohio Valley Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Intelligent, athletic, and a loner ... A self-described "serial killer in training" ... Has become a top OVW star

in just a over a year ... Intimidates opponents before matches ... Hails from Seymour, Indiana.

283 MARTY JANNETTY (5'11", 230, 16, 253) Still active on the independents as a solo wrestler ... May best be remembered as Shawn Michaels' tag team partner, but that doesn't give him his due credit ... A former WWF and AWA World tag team champion ... Resurfaced in WCW last year, but soon returned to the independents full-time where he can often be found headlining cards ... Still uses the Rocker dropper as his finisher, but hasn't hurt anyone with it lately.



284 WOLFIE D (6'1", 215, 9, 184) A mainstay in the Tennessee independents ... Has wrestled for every major company, including WCW, ECW, and the WWF ... Has never really broken away from the stigma of being just a tag team wrestler ... Has feuded alongside and against Bill Dundee for most of his career ... Has held several regional singles and tag team titles during his career.

285 NYGMA (5'6", 175, 7, NL) This former Promo Azteca competitor has made a splash in AAA as a member of the Atomicos team Los Vatos Locos ... While he has not been able to break out as an individual talent, Nygma's antics and skill makes him one to watch for years to come.

286 JERRY FLYNN (6'4", 250, 9, 242) Martial arts expert showed his dominance of Ernest Miller in a number of matches, but was crushed by Tank Abbott ... Invited WCW wrestlers to wrestle him in "The Block," matches akin to the boiler room brawls of the WWF ... Powerful kicks wear opponents down quickly ... Not as high profile as he was last year in WCW, when he frequently appeared on pay-per-views ... Has a number of joint lock submission holds in his arsenal.

287 JESUS CRISTOBAL (5'11", 215, 5, NL) Formerly known as Zorro, one-half of a fast-rising EMLL tag team with Tarzan Boy ... Left Tarzan Boy in Mexico and headed off for short stints in Japan and ECW before settling down in Puerto Rico's IWA ... Began wrestling as Jesus Cristobal while in Puerto Rico ... Look for a return to Mexico, where his size, looks, and skill are sure to push him to back to the top quickly.

288 JACK DUPP (6'4", 260, 10, NL) Along with his brother, Bo Dupp, he has garnered quite a reputation for himself in the WWF and ECW ... Was trained by Nelson Royal and Gene Anderson ... Spent the early part of his career in the North Carolina independents where he was known as Mike Maverick ... The Serial Thrillaz, his tag team with "Sugar" Shane Helms, had limited success ... The brains of the Dupp brothers.

289 BEAU DUPP (6'4", 287, 3, 346) Formerly known as Otto Schwanz ... Transformed himself into Beau Dupp and spent some time with ECW before jumping to the WWF with his brother, Jack Dupp ... His hygiene is questionable as he is constantly picking at himself while in the ring ... Has impressed fans in his numerous dark matches for the federation ... Teamed with Cham Pain for years on the North Carolina independent scene ... Has held a number of regional championships throughout the Southeast.

290 SCOTT D'AMORE (5'11", 247, 8, 302) He and Rhino comprise The Syndicate in Border City Wrestling ... Former Can-Am champ ... Spent most of the year feuding with Sabu ... Has wrestled in each of The Big Three ... Well-versed in submission and technical wrestling ... Has held regional titles in Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario ... Windsor, Ontario, is his hometown.

brief feud with Ernest "The Cat" Miller ... Didn't believe Miller when Miller said he'd get legendary singer James Brown to accompany him to the ring for a match ... When "The Godfather Of Soul" actually did show up as "The Cat" said he would, Maestro passed out and was unable to compete ... Formerly Gorgeous George III and Robbie Eagle on the independent circuit ... Has a beautiful German suplex in his bag of moves ... Prone to throwing wild temper tantrums.

298 CUEBALL CARMICHAEL (6'3", 260, 17, 315) Spent the year in transition going from mainly singles competition to almost exclusive tag team wrestling ... Teamed with long-time partner Jimmy Cicero to win the IPWA and Steel City tag titles ... Continues to claim that he's Canada's greatest athlete and insults Americans every chance he gets ... Fans despise him ... Shocked everyone when he dropped 30 pounds and recieved a WWF light heavyweight title shot agianst then-champ Gillberg on the *SmackDown* tapings in Philadelphia.

294 COL. PAYNE (6', 227, 5, 334) Brought Jim Cornette to Pro Wrestling Xpress to help combat the three-man wrecking crew known as Rage ... Wrestled Crusher Hansen at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena in a dark match before *Smackdown* ... Outlasted 29 other competitors at "Burgh Brawl IV" to earn a shot at PWX champion Vince Kaplack ... Unable to take advantage of the opportunity because of an auto accident ... Aided Shark Boy in his feud against The Heartland Shooters, comprised of "Surfer" Cody Hawk, Chip Fairway, Race Steele, and Rory Fox.

291 SCOTTY ANTON (6', 235, 8, 197) Veteran of WCW rings as Scotty Riggs is now in ECW, where it looked like he planned to help best friend Rob Van Dam in his feud with The Network ... Betrayed RVD at Hardcore Heaven and cost him a match with Jerry Lynn ... Has since scored some wins over Raven, who used to torment him when Riggs was a member of Raven's Flock in WCW ... RVD pinned him at HeatWave ... Uses a sharpshooter as his finisher and calls it the clap ... Raises his arms above his head and claps his hands to mock the ring entrance he used to make as one of The American Males in WCW.

295 MANIACO (5'8", 193, 11, NL) Is the only original member of Los Vipers LLL, the renegade offshoot of AAA ... Combines great skill with an aggressive style and an outstanding look ... He and The Vipers find themselves in a perpetual feud with Los Vatos Locos over the AAA Atomicos title.

299 CHAM PAIN (5'10", 206, 6, 348) A veteran of the North Carolina independents ... Was briefly a member of The Dupps as Puck Dupp, but has since returned to his former persona ... A respected aerialist who has won several regional titles ... Trained by Matt Hardy ... Occasionally competes in ECW ... Former partner of Otto Schwanz, with whom he garnered respect as a tag team specialist ... Las Vegas native is a former exotic dancer ... Set to have a breakthrough year.

292 KNUCKLES NELSON (6'2", 240, 8, 285) Belongs to The Brotherhood ... Feuded with Public Enemy with various partners ... Has held the NWA tag team title three times with Erich Sbraccia and Dukes Dalton as his partners ... Former NWA New England and CWA TV champ ... Has wrestled in the WWF and WCW, as well as embarking on three tours of Japan ... The piledriver is his finisher ... Competes primarily in Wrestling Star Wars of the Northeast.

296 SILKY BOOM BOOM (5'8", 201, 6, 353) Former NWA Georgia state champion ... Formed Hot and Heavy with Frenchy Riviera ... They won the Georgia tag team title on two occasions ... Had a falling-out with Riviera at one point this year ... Transformed into "The New American Dream" Dusty Dotson, but it wasn't long before he was strutting down the aisle as Silky Boom Boom again.

293 THE MAESTRO (6'1", 230, 10, NL) This WCW rulebreaker lost his valet, Symphony, then lost his WCW contract ... Had a

297 LODI (5'10", 220, 3, 277) Long-time partner of Lenny Lane has officially left WCW ... They enjoyed moderate success as a tandem before getting yanked from WCW television ... With Lane, returned in a suit and tie as one-half of Standards and Practices ... This persona change didn't catch on ... He actually spurned the services of Miss Hancock ... Her interference wound up costing him a few matches in the ensuing months ... Has never demonstrated an abundance of technical wrestling knowledge.

300 BOYCE LeGRANDE (6'1", 227, 2, 286) All Pro Wrestling President Roland Alexander called him "only the second natural to ever walk through the doors of the APW boot camp," with the first being Michael Modest ... He and Robert Thompson, known as The Westside Playaz 2000, won the All Pro tag title in an eight-team tournament in May ... His swanton bomb is compared to Jeff Hardy's ... A four-way match featuring LeGrande, Michael Modest, Maxx Justice, and Vinny Massaro was voted All Pro's Match of the Year ... Based in California.

301 DAMIEN STEELE (6'1", 223, 5, 332) This California native found success in the upstart hardcore promotion Xtreme Professional Wrestling ... Held the XPW heavyweight title for several months ... Recently left XPW to return to the Southern California indy scene ... An arrogant rulebreaker who lives a rich lifestyle ... Brutal in the ring with his strong brawling skills and solid technical ability ... Has also competed on the East Coast in the past.

302 FRENCHY RIVIERA (5'11", 450, 9, 294) One of the most agile big men in the sport, Riviera delivers a surprisingly good moonsault ... He and Silky Boom Boom, known as Hot and Heavy, held the NWA Georgia tag team title on two occasions ... Enjoyed a brief run as Georgia heavyweight champ ... Sometimes teams with John and Kenny Arden as The Centerfolds ... His finisher is the Frenchy tickler.

303 FRANK PARKER (6'3", 265, 7, 297) He and Roger Anderson comprise Death and Destruction ... They have held tag team titles throughout the South ... Feuded with The Rock 'n' Roll Express ... Joined Al Getz' New School in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling this year ... Battling The New Stallions, managed by Judd the Stud ... The neckbreaker is his finishing maneuver.

304 ICEMAN (6', 190, 6, 290) Shocked fans by joining his brother, NCW promoter Bertrand Hebert, in The Booker's Mafia ... Ditched partner Black Eagle at the same time ... Captured the Quebec tag team title with former foe Dream Killer ... The turn revitalized his career ... Defending The Booker's Mafia against Quebec champion Piranah and Carl Ouellete.

305 THUNDER (6'1", 255, 13, 308) Held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Mark "The Shark" Shrader ... Team broke apart after Shrader deserted Thunder on several occasions, leaving him to receive some of the most severe beatings of his career ... His power has allowed him to remain a major force in the ECWA since his debut 13 years ago ... A former ECWA heavyweight champ.

306 LORD ZOLTAN (5'9", 230, 24, 266) A real veteran of the ring ... Wears face paint to the ring to intimidate his opponents ... Wrestled Dominic DeNucci at last year's Brian Hildebrand show in a battle of two legendary figures in Pittsburgh wrestling ... Has held numerous titles through the years ... A mainstay of the now defunct Steel City Wrestling ... An expert at distracting the referee while he uses foreign objects against opponents ... Has feuded with "American Patriot" T.C. Reynolds for many years ... Also has taken a disliking to Doink the Clown, and the two of them have had a lot of matches during the past two years ... Very methodical, but effective.

307 VINNY MASSARO (5'9", 269, 2, 303) Uses so many innovative moves that it's hard to classify them all and even more difficult to keep fellow competitors from stealing them ... That's why he gives them names like the copyright and all rights reserved ... Accused ally Donovan Morgan of stealing one of his finishing moves, which led to the dissolution of The New Breed ... He and Jardi Frantz lost to The Westside Playaz 2000 in the final of the All Pro tag team title tournament on May 6 in Pacifica, California.

308 ROGER ANDERSON (6'2", 267, 10, 317) A member of Death and Destruction with Frank Parker, considered by many to be the best independent tag team in the U.S. ... Held the Southern States tag title seven times with Parker ... Debuted in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling as part of Al Getz' New School ... Feuding with Judd the Stud's New Stallions ... A highlight of Anderson's career was an appearance on the WWF's *Shotgun Saturday Night*.

309 AIR PARIS (5'11", 190, 7, 424) The current NWA Georgia junior heavyweight champion ... Dropped the title to Andy Anderson for a week ... Fans appreciate his high-flying style ... His best matches have been against David Young ... Turned bad in late-1999 and hired Bert Prentice as his manager ... Signature moves are the moonsault and huracanrana.

310 SCOTTY ZAPPA (6', 227, 5, 295) Defeated The Natural for the All-American title in Eau Claire, Wisconsin ... Wrestled Norman Smiley in WCW ... His rivals include Lenny Lane, Mitch Paradise, K-Train, and Scott Free ... Trained by Brad Rheingans and Animal ... Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie was also a mentor ... Formerly known as Sheik Ali ... A mainstay in the Midwest.

311 ROBERT THOMPSON (5'11", 256, 5, NL) A mainstay in California's All Pro Wrestling since his debut ... He and Boyce LeGrande, known as The Westside Playaz 2000, defeated Jardi Frantz and Vinny Massaro in the finals of the eight-team All Pro tag title tournament in May ... "The Brown Bomber" is quick for his size, able to deliver high-risk moves such as the frog splash and senton splash from the top rope ... Managed by Icebox.

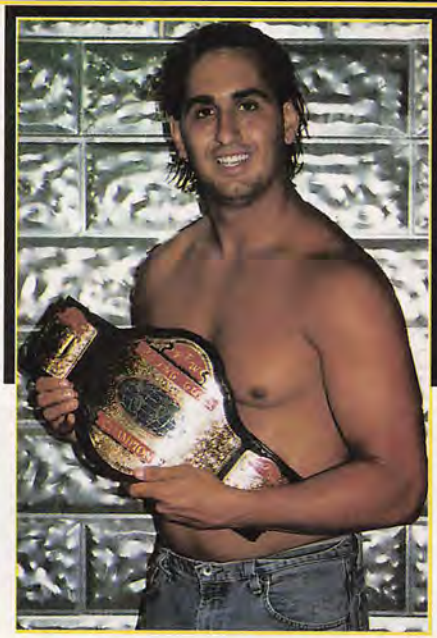
312 JOHN RAMBO (6'4", 267, 12, 298) The current National Wrestling League champion ... Commissioner of the House of Pain Wrestling Federation ... He and Samu comprise The Hippie Extreme Team ... Faced The Honky Tonk Man and King Kong Bundy this year ... Once held the NWA Pacific Northwest tag team title with Col. DeBeers ... Former partners include Scott Norton and Kerry Von Erich.

313 BORIS DRAGOFF (6'1", 250, 6, 307) The highlight of Dragoff's year was his match against former NWA champion Dan Severn ... His rivals include Ron Ray, Danny Delucci, and Chrome ... Has held the Southern Championship Wrestling and Atlantic Championship Wrestling titles ... His signature maneuver is the Russian guillotine ... A native of Kiev, Russia.

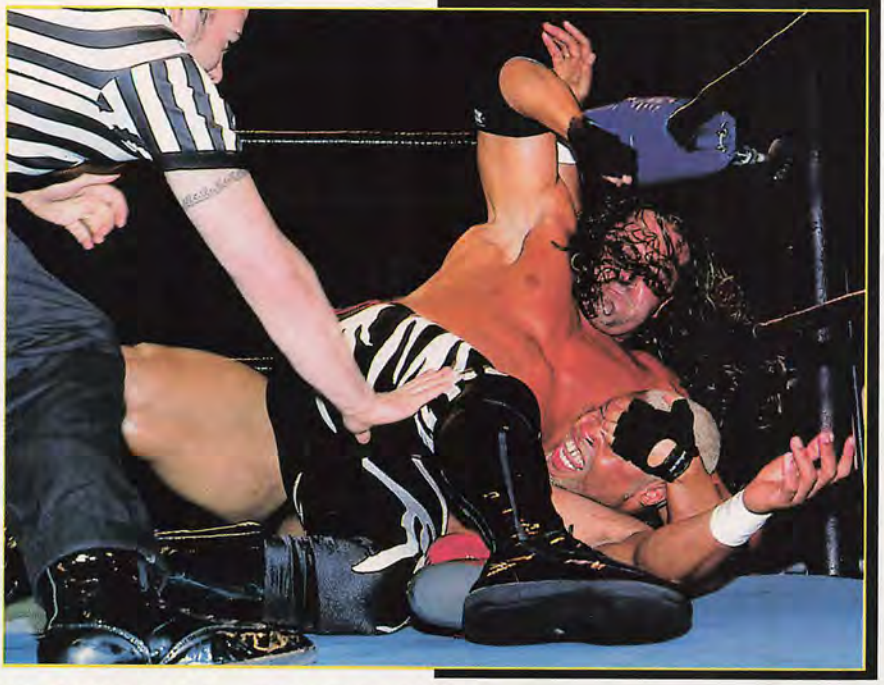
314 TONY JONES (6'4", 265, 3, 318) "The Shooter" is a suplex specialist in California's All Pro Wrestling ... He and Frank Murdoch comprise The Shoot Club ... Managed by Shane Dynasty ... Fought in Japan's BattleArts shoot-fighting promotion twice this year ... Used a shoot headlock takedown to defeat Michael Modest for the All Pro universal title in January ... Lost the belt to Ma'och, who was helped by APW alumnus Crash Holly, three months later.

315 LO-KI (5'7", 160, 2, NL) Blends high-flying with martial arts ... Defeated Mike Quackenbush for the Future Wrestling Alliance title in October 1999 ... A former Long Island Wrestling Federation light heavyweight champ ... Also competes in Jersey All-Pro ... His finisher is the Ki-krusher ... From Brooklyn, New York.

316 "BIG" DICK DUDLEY (6'3", 300, 14, 273) The current USA Pro champion ... Has defeated Sgt. Slaughter, Tommy Cairo, Axl Rotten, The Equalizer, and Filthy Creep ... Spent part



of the year competing in XPW, California's answer to ECW ... The two-handed choke-slam is his finishing move ... Recovered from a car crash to defend the title in March ... Competes primarily in New York now.

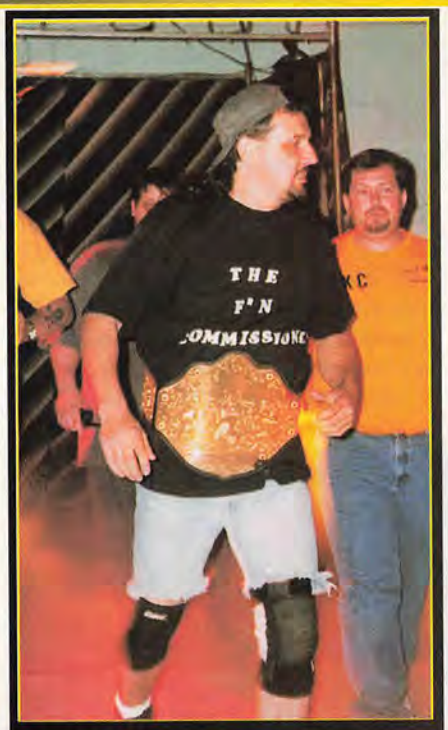


317 DONOVAN MORGAN (5'10", 222, 4, 327) Defeated Boyce LeGrande in the finals of an eight-man All Pro Internet title tournament on April 15 in Livingston, California ... A part of The New Breed for a few months until fellow member Vinny Massaro accused him of stealing his finishing moves ... Found his valet, Mackenzie the Fungirl, in the audience of a San Leandro, California, show.

318 BLADE BOUDREAUX (6'2", 240, 4, 343) Won a 10-man battle royal to become the Power Pro TV champion and has since defended the title against Seven and "The Aristocrat" Scott Raines ... Defeated Tracey Smothers for the NWA Mid-South belt, but Smothers later regained it ... Feuding with Brandon Baxter's Cartel and Doug Gilbert ... Working to perfect the gator drop, which is already responsible for most of his victories ... Competes throughout the South and Midwest.

319 SWINGER (6', 250, 7, NL) Known as Johnny Swinger during his long, unsuccessful stint in WCW ... Now struggling to find his niche in the more extreme world of ECW ... Has found strong allies in Simon Diamond and C.W. Anderson ... May finally gain the respect that he has been searching for ... A solid all-around competitor who is a good utility player ... Arrogance may hinder him from gaining a strong fan base ... His finisher, a combination cobra clutch-Russian legsweep called the Swing shift, is lethal.

320 MIKE SHANE (6'4", 305, 3, 316) Known as Chaz Wentworth before firing manager Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV and leaving 911 Inc. ... Teams with his identical twin brother, Todd ... They were formerly known as Phi DeKappa U ... Has held the Independent Pro Wrestling tag team title on two occasions with Todd ... Competes in IPW Hardcore Wrestling and Combat Zone Wrestling ... Appeared on *WCW Worldwide* ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... Based in Florida.



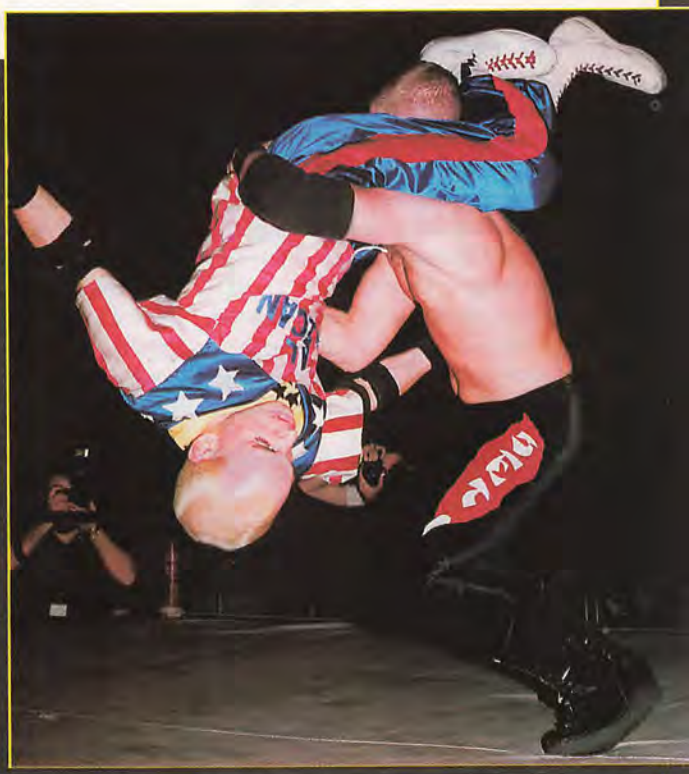
321 RICK DEEZEL (6'1", 214, 13, 329) In the midst of his fourth reign as American Independent Wrestling Federation champion ... Creeping Death joined Deezel's Family this year ... Competes in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia ... Has held the AIWF tag team and TV titles three times apiece ... From Los Angeles ... Embodies the AIWF's ultra-violent style.

322 TODD SHANE (6'4", 305, 3, 312) Teams with his identical twin brother, Mike ... He and Mike became enormously popular when they fired manager Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV ... The Shane Twins can overpower foes or wrestle scientifically ... Taught by Dean Malenko ... Competes primarily in Florida ... Feuding with Niemi's 911 Inc. in IPW Hardcore Wrestling and The Haas Brothers in Combat Zone Wrestling ... The Shane Twins have held the Independent Pro Wrestling tag team title twice.

323 QUINN MAGNUM (6'5", 259, 4, 322) Belongs to Rage, a clique that includes Mad Mike and Samu ... They waged a bloody war against 987, another group competing in the Pittsburgh Wrestling League, Pro Wrestling Express, and World League Wrestling ... As that feud settled down and Magnum began concentrating on solo pursuits, he suffered a hairline fracture of the vertebrae during a match against Kingdom James ... Returned to face The Stock Exchange three months later ... Named the new commissioner of the PWL ... Defeated Cory K for the PWL three rivers title on January 16.

324 ROB McBRIDE (6'1", 270, 15, 331) Engaged in brutal feuds with Jimmy Valiant, Rick Morton, Demolition Ax, and Ivan Koloff during the past year ... "The Bull" regained the VCW and WWP titles ... Remains a co-holder of the PCW and ECPW tag team championships ... He and his lovely manager, Persuasion, are mainstays in North Carolina ... Known for his trademark *"Doooooop,"* a takeoff on Ric Flair's *"Whoooooo."*

325 JEFF PETERSON (5'8", 160, 2, 321) Established himself as one of the hardest-working cruiserweights in the U.S., competing in Florida, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and California ... A former IPW light heavyweight champ ... Outstanding opponents include Chris Daniels, Jet Jaguar, Al Bino, and Reckless Youth ... Participated in the 1999 and 2000 Super 8 tournaments ... Diagnosed with cancer in April ... His recovery was featured in the December 2000 issue of *The Wrestler*.



326 DUKE DROESE (6'6", 305, 10, 304) Best known for his WWF feuds with Hunter Hearst Helmsley and Jerry Lawler in the mid-1990s ... Claims to be from "Mount Trashmore," Florida ... The current Florida Championship Wrestling titleholder ... His finishing maneuver is the trash compactor, a side suplex turned into a powerslam ... Operates Duke's Wrestling Academy in Miami.

327 T. RANTULA (6'8", 312, 13, 278) Nicknamed "The Giant" and often managed by The Black Widow ... Enjoys having tarantulas and snakes as pets ... One of the top heavyweights in western Pennsylvania ... A former Steel City Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Has also held the American Commonwealth heavyweight title ... Large and powerful ... Tough to take this big man off his feet ... Rates Abdullah the Butcher as one of his toughest opponents.

328 J.J. JOHNSTON (6'1", 230, 2, 344) The current East Coast Wrestling Association champion ... Won a tournament in November 1999 after then-champ Christian went to the WWF full-time ... Has defeated all challengers, including Gillberg, Ty Street, Robert Evans, Mr. Ooh La La, and Steve Bradley ... Also known as J.J. The Ring Crew Guy ... Wants to prove he's the ECWA's "new star" by successfully defending his title against former friend Cheetah Master ... Teams with Vince Goodnite.

329 HACK MYERS (6'2", 225, 7, 314) The former ECW mid-carder is a good ring technician, but is best known for his overpowering brawling style ... Calls himself "The Shah Of Professional Wrestling" ... Competes in Florida Championship Wrestling ... Biggest match to date was against Kendo Nagasaki ... Held the FCW title last year ... The piledriver is his finisher.

330 STAN LEE (6'1", 242, 10, NL) Battled Bryan Wayne and Skyfire in a three-way match in front of 5,000 people during an Iron Ring Wrestling show in Kingsport, Tennessee ... Feuded with Rick Morton, Jimmy Valiant, and Jessie Taylor ... Competes in Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Georgia ... Held the UWA heavyweight and Southeast titles ... "Pretty Boy" is known for his flamboyant robes.

331 SHORTY SMALLS (5'7", 255, 5, NL) Defeated Jake Damien for the KYDA Pro Mid-Atlantic title on April 15 in Manassas, Virginia ... Alexis Laree, Damien's manager, turned against Damien and left with Smalls ... Belongs to the Fu Crue Klique ... His feud with mentor Jimmy Z has raged for five years ... Throws an impressive dropkick ... Also competes in Championship Pro Wrestling and Solid Gold Wrestling ... Carries a chain to the ring.

332 EL FUEGO (5'10", 235, 9, NL) Flying headscissors, huracanranas, and suicide dives and planchas are standard fare for the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation champion ... Also capable of wrestling in 30-minute technical matches ... Won his title in a five-man handcuff elimination match ... Has defended his title at every AWF show since his victory at Grey Cup Sunday '99 ... Sheik Abdul Mustafa is his current top contender ... Pinned WWFer Joe E. Legend in a dark match before 43,000 fans, the largest *Raw* crowd ever, at the Toronto Skydome.

333 SCOTT BISHOP (5'10", 242, 19, 320) He and rookie Jason Rhodey comprise the reformed U.S. Marshals ... They've been collecting championships throughout the Appalachians, including the IUCW, ASW, CWC, and Dixie Pro tag team titles ... His signature moves are the splash and the guillotine legdrop ... Suffered a dislocated shoulder this year.

334 ED GOLDEN (6', 225, 11, NL) Dropped a loser-leaves-NCW match to Jessie Taylor last year ... Served his time and defeated A.J. Styles for the NWA Wildside TV title ... Lost the belt to Taylor, but NWA Vice President Bill Behrens returned the title to Golden, stating his loss to Taylor "was not official" ... Teams with his uncle, Jimmy Golden, in Iron Ring Wrestling.

335 TY STREET (5'10", 221, 2, NL) Highlights of the past year include a steel cage match against Glen Osbourne and a last man standing match against Vince Goodnite ... Also feuding with Cheetah Master and Scoot Andrews ... A former ECWA Mid-Atlantic champ ... A member of Al Getz' New School in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... His finisher is the dead end driver ... Managed by Barry Casino ... Wrestles either a hardcore or high-flying style depending on his opponent.

336 JAYSON REIGN (5'9", 210, 2, NL) "Crowned" Windy City league champion by promotor Sam DeCero himself ... He and Steve Boz, members of Devastation Inc. along with Terry Allen, feuded with The Outfit over the Windy City tag title ... A separated shoulder sidelined him for six weeks this year ... His finishing move is the Reign drop ... Also competes in Wolverine Pro Wrestling and Packerland Pro Wrestling ... Prides himself as being what he calls "state of the art" ... Two-time former Windy City lightweight champ.

337 DEAN CHAMPION (5'9", 171, 3, 345) Year's highlight was his winning effort with Chris Chavis over Tony and Dave McMillan in front of a hometown crowd at the Welcome Centre in Pitsea, Essex ... Developed a hometown rivalry with the McMillans, who are also from Pitsea ... Also defeated Jon Ryan, Rob Carlin, and Dave Sherman ... He and Sherman are feuding with Ryan and "The Business Advisor To The Stars" Mike White ... Competes in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Accompanied by the lovely Tasha ... Nicknamed "The Kung Fu Kid."

338 MR. OOH LA LA (5'10", 230, 11, 324) Deceives opponents with his bumbling entrance, but continues to be a dangerous competitor in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... He and "Fabulous" Mozart Fontaine battled Mae Young and Fabulous Moolah this year ... The most memorable bout of his career was the scaffold match that launched a new ECWA star: J.J. Johnston ... Also competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... Managed by Barry Casino.

339 PRODIGY (6', 245, 1, NL) The last ECW trainee of Tazz tried to make a name for himself as Simon Diamond's bodyguard for much of the year, but had a falling-out with Simon during the summer ... Executes crisp suplexes and clotheslines just like his mentor and has a mean streak to match ... Had a hard time getting along with his twin sister, Prodigette, when both were part of Diamond's entourage.

340 PIRANAH (6'3", 256, 3, 475) Won the NCW Quebec title for the third time this year ... Split with partner Jackal of Access Denied to become Northern Championship Wrestling's most popular star ... Chosen by Carl Ouellete to be his partner ... Battling The Booker's Mafia ... Featured on the CBC's *National* news magazine ... Competed in Toronto's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation for a second year.

341 CHARLIE HAAS (6'2", 235, 4, NL) Began amateur wrestling in the seventh grade ... Started for the Seton Hall Pirates Division I wrestling team ... Teams with his younger brother, Russ ... Trained by "Iron" Mike Sharpe, Jim Kettner, and two-time Olympic gold medalist John Smith ... He and Russ have held the ECWA, PCW, and CZW tag titles ... Born in Texas and raised in Oklahoma.

342 BART SAWYER (5'10", 220, 12, 325) Defeated Silky Boom Boom for the NWA Georgia state title and captured the North American tag team championship with Chris Michaels ... Has held the Pacific Northwest, Pacific, and Arkansas state belts ... His favorite hold is the highland sleeper ... Hometown is Portland, Oregon.

343 JONNY MOSS (5'11", 225, 1, 368) His intense and bloody rivalry with Andre "Sledgehammer" Baker in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock finally ended this year ... "The Vigilante" targeted the obnoxious Sebastian Sterling and his annoying sidekick, K.C. McCulloch ... Formed an impressive tag team with Chris Chavis (Tatanka) and defeated combinations of Sterling and McCulloch as well as Sterling and John Moores ... Eliminated from a junior heavyweight battle royal at the NWA 51st anniversary show ... Angered former NWA champion Gary Steele recently, which will no doubt adversely affect his future.

344 MIKE ANTHONY (6', 210, 9, NL) Captured the Windy City six-man title this year ... Steve Boz and Jayson Reign are his running buddies ... Feuding with Mike Samson ... Has had run-ins with several former WWF stars, including Bob Backlund, Tatanka, and Brutus Beefcake ... Has competed for a number of promotions in the Great Lakes region ... His finishing maneuver is a stunner off the ropes ... Suffered a strained shoulder ... Managed by Sam DeCero.

345 RUSS HAAS (6'2", 220, 4, NL) The rugged Oklahoman has an extensive amateur background, helping his high school wrestling team win the state championship ... Also a member of the Oklahoma Junior National Freestyle Wrestling team ... Trained for a career in the pro sport by "Iron" Mike Sharpe and Jim Kettner, among others ... He and his older brother, Charlie, held the East Coast Wrestling Association and Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling tag team titles ... Got his start in Jersey All-Pro Wrestling ... Nicknamed "The Outlaw."

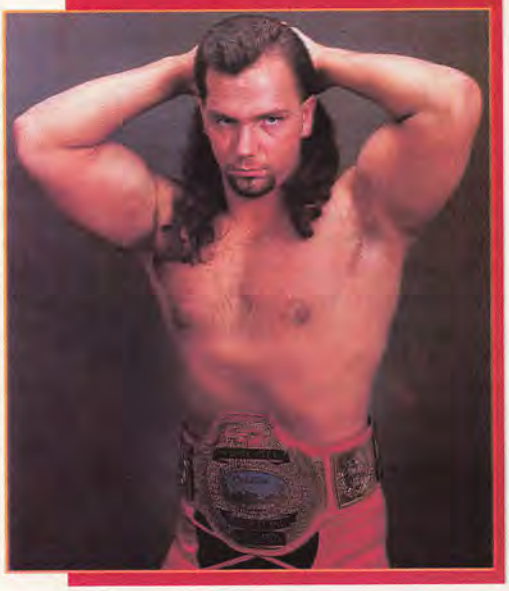
346 SKULL GANZ (6'1", 265, 5, NL) The current UWF Michigan State champion ... His catch phrase is "I trust no one!" ... Managed by his wife, Jade Jagger ... Trained by Scott D'Amore and Mickey Doyle ... A former Hardcore Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Had a tryout for ECW ... Has competed in over a dozen independents during his career ... Grew up on the streets of Detroit.

347 KEVIN KNIGHT (6'4", 232, 4, 369) Feuded with Steve Corino over the IWF American title last year ... Wrestled a classic match against Chris Candido on April 8 at a NWA-Jersey card. Lost at the 20-minute mark after being the recipient of a superplex and diving headbutt ... Battled The Inferno Kid at two WWF charity events in New London, Connecticut ... The current Independent Wrestling Federation heavyweight and Jersey Championship Wrestling TV titleholder ... Also competes in Jersey All-Pro.

348 HARLEY LEWIS (6'3", 275, 6, 443) This former Misfit has found a niche for himself in Japan ... Still finds time to wrestle occasionally in the independents around the Philadelphia area where he is from ... His hard-hitting style has very little flashiness to it. Instead, he opts for brawling and intense fist fighting ... An active shootfighter ... Has held several regional tag team titles, including the NWA U.S., Mid-Eastern Wrestling Federation, and New Jack City Wrestling belts.

349 MARC ASH (6'1", 205, 11, 355) Lost and regained the Independent Championship Wrestling title this year ... Defeated Viper in a tournament final for the World Class U.S. title last October ... Also beat the luckless Viper for the NCW and IWA belts ... Re-ignited his feud with mentor Ivan Koloff ... A mainstay in several Southern independents ... Lost to Rikki Rhodes in a tournament final for the NACW TV strap ... A hated rulebreaker ... Formed The Sex Express, a short-lived tag team with Sexton Tyler ... Had a tryout with ECW ... Plans to reduce his wrestling schedule in 2001.

350 STEVE BOZ (5'11", 220, 8, NL) Realized a lifetime dream by wrestling for the WWF at Chicago's Rosemont Horizon in front of 18,000 people ... Has feuded with Brandon Bishop over the Windy City lightweight title and Greg Valentine over the league championship ... The superkick, stunner off the top rope, and Frankensteiner off the top rope are his signature moves ... Leader of Devastation Inc., which includes Jayson Reign and Terry Allen ... Calls himself "All That."



351 BRUISER BENNETT (6'1", 245, 11, 363) A former mainstay in Texas All-Star Wrestling and other Southwest promotions ... Now devoting most of his efforts to his home territory of the Dakotas and Minnesota ... Expected to appear in Nebraska's Midwest Wrestling Alliance and Texas Extreme Wrestling in the near future.

352 IAN ROTTEN (6', 302, 10, 347) This hardcore innovator can still be found wrestling in bloody hardcore matches throughout the eastern part of the country ... Can usually be found wrestling in IWA in Kentucky and New Jersey independents on occasion ... Brother of Axl ... Has held numerous independent titles ... Is a skilled mat wrestler who can wrestle with the best of them when he chooses.

353 RALPH MOSCA (6'2", 270, 6, NL) The ex-minor league hockey star and former Northeast Wrestling champion brings violence from the ice to the ring ... A master of hardcore who is known for his creative use of chairs ... Feuding with Northeast Wrestling champion Dave Vicious throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts ... Cites Vicious and Tony DeVito as his toughest opponents ... Vowed revenge against Sid Vicious, who aided namesake Dave Vicious at Mosca's expense during a recent bout ... Swings his opponent from a torture rack into a Michinoku driver and calls it the house party.

354 JON RYAN (5'11", 200, 3, NL) This young British star is developing a nasty streak ... Trained by Andre "Sledgehammer" Baker and former British light heavyweight champion John Hall ... Defeated Rob Carlin at NWA U.K.-Hammerlock's debut in Telford, Shropshire ... Had a grueling feud with Paul Beswick (now Paul Vault) ... Manager Mike White helped him beat T.J. Gray and Muscles Manfield ... Lost to NWA junior heavyweight champion Tony Kozina ... Feuding with Jonny Moss and Dean Champion.

355 RICKY HARRISON (6'2", 230, 12, NL) Might be the most popular wrestler in eastern Tennessee ... Achieved the Southern States Wrestling triple crown this year: the heavyweight, tag team, and Appalachian titles ... Teams with Iron Cross ... Lost a loser-leaves-town match to "Handsome" Beau James ... Protege of Rick Morton, hence the "Rock 'n' Roll" Ricky Harrison nickname ... Has teamed with Jimmy Valiant several times.

356 RIK RATCHET (5'10", 212, 8, 351) Entered the East Coast Wrestling Association with his pool boy, Felipe, at his side ... His all-time greatest match was a victory over Sid Vicious ... His ring entrance, music, and costumes make him the most flamboyant wrestler in the ECWA ... Calls himself "Mr. Showmanship" ... Calls his finisher chopsticks ... Established himself as a major star in New Jersey before moving to Delaware ... A former Independent Wrestling Federation champ.

357 GOLEM THE GIANT (6'8", 333, 6, 350) Surprised fans by joining forces with the popular Piranah ... Later, his betrayal of Piranah was the final step toward the formation of The Booker's Mafia, led by promoter Bertrand Hebert ... Won his second and third Quebec titles this year ... Made life miserable for Piranah as leader of the Mafia ... Lost the Quebec belt to Piranah at Challengemania VIII ... Announced his retirement from Northern Championship Wrestling immediately after ... Received a standing ovation despite his lack of popularity.

358 TRENT ACID (5'11", 210, 6, 425) Lost to Scoot Andrews in the opening round of the East Coast Wrestling Association Super 8 tournament ... An early target of Kevin Kelly's Connecticut Connection ... His finisher is the acid bomb ... Considered one of the "hottest properties" in the Mid-Atlantic indies by many ... Successful in New Jersey before entering the ECWA in Delaware ... Recently toured Japan.

359 DEMOLITION AX (6'2", 305, 13, 319) Aligned with The Bounty Hunters in the International Association of Wrestling ... Unable to defeat IAW champion Brian "The Crippler" Costello ... Competes throughout the Midwest ... Has held the IAW tag title on two occasions with Typhoon ... Reigned as WWF World tag champ three times, including a 16-month stretch in 1988-89.

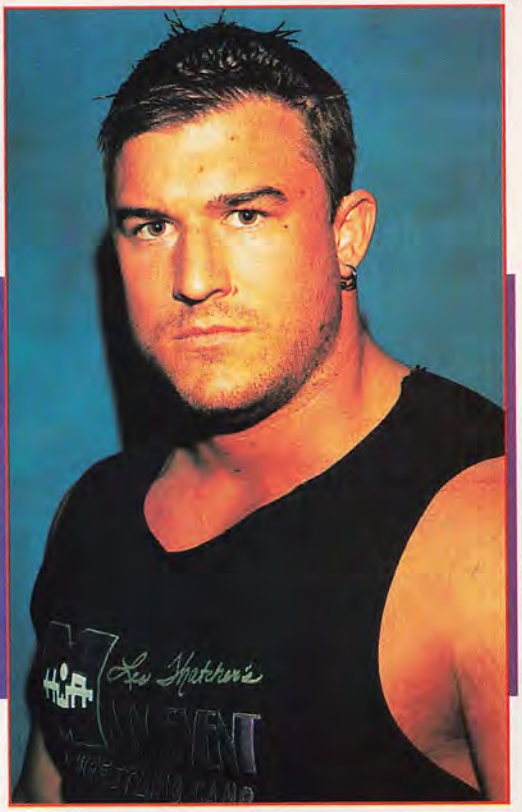
360 NATRONE STEELE (6', 247, 2, 413) The current North Carolina State titleholder in Southern Championship Wrestling ... Battling Count Grog's Brotherhood ... A former SCW brass knuckles champion ... Cites his debut in last year's "*PWI* 500" as his most important accomplishment so far ... The Steel City driver is his finisher ... Not surprisingly, he's from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

361 CHEETAH MASTER (6'1", 226, 10, NL) Returned to the East Coast Wrestling Association after what doctors considered a career-ending knee injury ... Sidelined for only a year ... Has feuded with Kevin Kelly's Connecticut Connection since November 1999 ... Remains a fan favorite ... Angry at ECWA officials for not granting him a shot at ECWA champ J.J. Johnston.

362 THE BRUISER (6'2", 295, 2, NL) Only in his sophomore year, The Bruiser enjoyed the most successful year of any competitor in Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Held the MCW tag team title three times, with Danny Rose, Adam Flash, and Jerry Lawler, respectively ... Defeated Tom Brandi for the MCW heavyweight championship on September 5, 1999, but was cheated out of the belt by Romeo Valentino on October 27 ... Regained the title on December 5 and defended it against Julio Fantastico, Cueball Carmichael, and The Iron Sheik before losing it to Jimmy Cicero.

363 BRIAN LOGAN (6'2", 255, 8, NL) Competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling and West Virginia indies, as well as Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Former tag team champ in OVW ... Also wrestles as Damian, one-half of The Disciples of Synn along with Wolfie D ... A member of The New Stallions in PCW, where he is managed by Judd the Stud ... Captured the PCW Americas title, which had been vacated by WWF-bound Joe E. Legend ... Seeking a match with PCW champion Cheetah Master.

364 RACE STEELE (6'3", 255, 1, NL) Made his debut on September 25, 1999 ... With the help of D-Lo Brown, captured the Heartland Wrestling Association heavyweight title from Chip Fairway after only six months in the sport ... Competed in several boxing, kickboxing, and ju-jitsu contests before becoming a pro wrestler ... Also won the Pro Wrestling Express title this



365 SKYFIRE (6'2", 239, 11, NL) Jumped off a 20-foot-high balcony and splashed "Playboy" Bryan Wayne through a table ... Executed huracanranas on the 400-pound Wayne several times ... Pre-teens squeal for him ... Rumored to have been an exotic dancer ... Long-time feuds have been rekindled in NWA Wildside and Iron Ring Wrestling ... Formed Sky High with fellow Smoky Mountain alumnus Chris Hamrick ... Competes throughout the Appalachians and Southeast.

366 FRANK MURDOCH (5'10", 254, 5, NL) Claims to be the late Dick Murdoch's nephew ... This dirty player is a member of The Shoot Club with Tony Jones ... A great mat grappler specializing in many suplex variations ... Forced Ma'och to tap out to his armbar submission and thus captured the All Pro universal title on April 15 in Livingston, California ... In the midst of a comeback since retiring a year ago, stating he was "tired of the business" ... Known as "Filthy" Frank, even to his friends.

367 RONNIE VEGAS (6'2", 265, 19, 370) Some consider him the new "King Of Hardcore" ... Reported to have approached Terry Funk about challenging for the International Association of Wrestling tag team title ... Competes throughout the Midwest ... Has wrestled for WCW and the WWF ... "The Diceman" is a former IAW U.S. champ ... Named himself after his hometown of Las Vegas.

368 VINCE GOODNITE (6'3", 225, 3, 500) The East Coast star attended the WWF dojo and wrestled in a few matches for the promotion ... Feuding with Kevin Kelly's Connecticut Connection in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... His brutal feud against Ty Street culminated in a wild last man standing match ... Teams with ECWA champion J.J. Johnston ... Also competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling and World X-Treme Wrestling ... Earned the dubious distinction of number 500 in last year's "*PWI* 500."

369 GREG VALENTINE (6', 243, 32, 288) He and Brian Costello are the top contenders for the International Association of Wrestling tag team title ... Wrestles on independent cards nationwide ... Might be the most experienced wrestler on the circuit ... Master of the figure-four leglock ... "The Hammer" has held the NWA U.S. and WWF Intercontinental titles as well as the tag team championships of both federations.

370 2-DOPE (5'11", 215, 2, 389) He and Sydeswype are known as The Ghetto Mafia and have held the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title twice ... Biggest win was a MCW tag title defense against The Hardy Boyz ... The Ghetto Mafia became fan favorites and are now feuding with Christopher Carmichael and Dino Devine ... Slated to compete in Black Entertainment Television's new Urban Wrestling Federation.

371 TY DALTON (6'1", 225, 5, 422) Improved his physique and redefined his image this year ... Solidified his standing as one of the top wrestlers in Missouri ... Wrestled in shows across the U.S. and appeared in Canada and Mexico ... A regular in Midwest Renegade Wrestling and Impact Championship Wrestling ... Impressed promoters in APW and the WSWF ... Formed The Syndicate with Deno Blade ... As MWA (Kentucky) tag team champions, they have defeated Kid Krush and Mr. Hughes as well as Chris Michaels and Mike Sensation.

372 STEVE SOUTHERN (5'9", 220, 9, 392) The current Unified Championship Wrestling TV titleholder ... A high-flying competitor who has an uncanny ability to change the pace of a match against any opponent ... Locked in a bitter feud with Chad Cheetum ... Split with partner Al Savage ... Calls himself "Mr. Action" ... Has also held the UCW Alabama state, GCW tag team, CWF U.S., and Mid-South tag titles.

373 NICK MONDO (6', 202, 1, NL) Held the NCWA hardcore title ... Feuded with "Fast" Eddie Valentine in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... Has competed in Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania ... Moved his home base to Minnesota ... Embraces the hardcore style.

374 SEBASTIAN KANE (6'5", 355, 11, 396) Trying his luck against competition in the American Independent Wrestling Federation since it is now co-promoting with East Coast Championship Wrestling ... He and Don Carson comprise The Tennessee Violence Authority and are seeking the AIWF tag team title ... Combines hardcore with the old-school style ... His finishing move is the gorilla press-slam ... Nicknamed "Big Daddy."

375 MAJOR HAVOC (6'2", 255, 4, 398) Holding the American Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title for the fourth time, this time with The Scorpion ... Feuding with The Tennessee Violence Authority ... Hated by the fans again ... Has held the AIWF heavyweight and U.S. championships ... From Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

376 BORN AGAIN BRAWLER (6'1", 266, 5, 371) Also wrestles under the name Steve Duffy ... Entered his third year as Christian Wrestling Alliance champion ... Branched out to several East Coast independent promotions ... Currently a hardcore champ in three promotions ... Feuding with The Russian Assassin in Florida ... He and Merc the Cruiser are ex-CWA tag titleholders ... A former stand-up comic.

377 RICO CASANOVA (6', 225, 7, NL) One of the busiest wrestlers on the independent scene, Casanova is feuding with Von Tankard and Frankie Capone in Florida, Dr. Hurtz in New Jersey, and Castro Salvage Jr. in Puerto Rico ... Florida's Southeastern Wrestling Alliance is his home base ... Returned to action in September 1999 after receiving a kidney transplant five months earlier ... Teaming with fellow kidney transplant recipient Rocco Dorsey at a NWA New Jersey show on January 29 was a personal highlight of his career ... From Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

378 OTIS APOLLO (6', 263, 10, NL) Co-holder of the Border City tag team title with "Irish" Bobby Clancy ... They are known as The Canadian Bad Boys ... They've been feuding with each other since "The Arrogant One" turned against Clancy earlier this year ... Former Border City TV champ ... His hometown is Windsor, Ontario ... Has wrestled in the WWF and WCW.

379 THE MERCENARY (6'2", 220, 5, NL) Feuding with NWA New England champion Curtis Slammdawg ... Battling him in Green Mountain Wrestling as well ... Has fought Knuckles Nelson in the past ... Suffered a concussion in the fall of 1999 ... Teams with Jay Jaillet ... Trained by Dr. Tom Pritchard ... Hired Lance Wright as his manager ... His finishing maneuver is "The Winds of Change," a huracanrana off the top rope.

380 SYDESWYPE (6', 221, 2, 400) He's been unsuccessful as a singles competitor, but forms an excellent team with 2-Dope as The Ghetto Mafia ... They have held the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title twice ... Has wrestled Yokozuna, Gillberg, The Hardy Boyz, and Tom Brandi ... Scheduled to appear in BET's Urban Wrestling Federation.

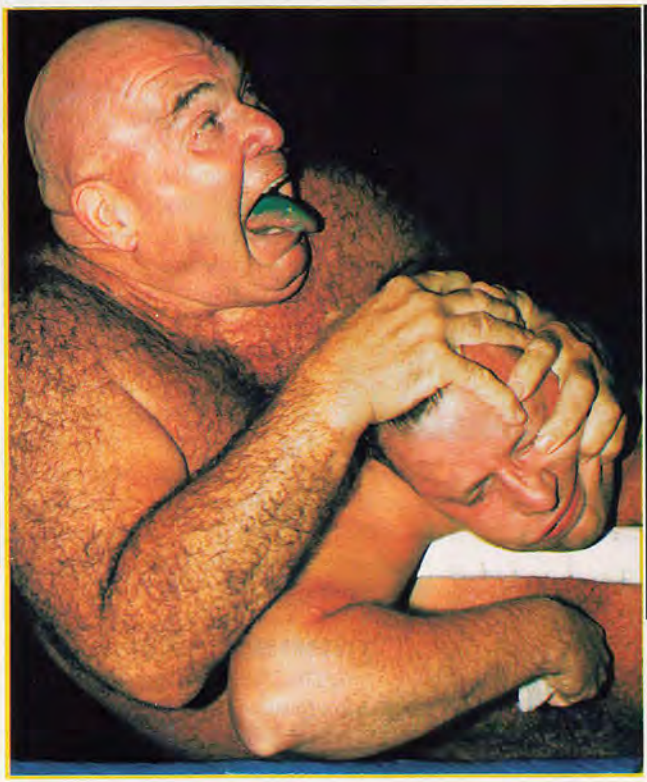
381 JOHNNY GRAHAM (5'10", 210, 13, 362) The long-time American Commonwealth champion is popular throughout the Northeast ... Competes in International Pro Wrestling and the Independent Professional Wrestling Alliance ... Made some appearances in Northeast Wrestling ... His long-running feud with Rob Noxious and manager Harvey Wippleman is still simmering ... His finishing move is the Graham cracker ... Former Marine known for his patriotism and commitment to physical fitness.

382 SHANE HOOKER (6'1", 212, 6, 387) Has held every championship in the Virginia-based North American Wrestling Alliance except the TV title ... Also competes in North Carolina ... Recently signed with Virginia's American Championship Wrestling ... "Mr. 387" will no doubt change his nickname again this year ... Resides in Lynchburg, Virginia.

383 MARK MEST (6', 384, 9, 385) Co-holder of the AAW tag team title with "Outlaw" Maxx Crimson ... Has competed in several promotions in West Virginia and on the East Coast ... Leader of The Intimidators ... Has feuded with "Bad Dog" Max Havok and The Cremator ... Brother of Troy Mest ... Nicknamed "Mean" Mark.

384 MASKED MANIAC (5'8", 262, 3, NL) Reigns as U.S. champion in USA Pro Wrestling ... Boasts 21-inch arms ... Member of Devastation Inc. with King Kong Bundy, Masked Superstar, and Danger ... Has not been pinned in four years ... Feuding with Jimmy Snuka Sr. and Brutus Beefcake ... Wrestled in Australia in December 1999 ... Has defeated Chris Michaels, Ken Sweeney, The Equalizer, and Mr. Puerto Rico.

385 IRON CROSS (5'9", 219, 16, NL) Captured both the Southern States heavyweight and tag team titles this year ... Teams with "Rock 'n' Roll" Ricky Harrison ... Adheres strictly to the rulebook ... Feuding with Southern States tag team champions Beau James and K.C. Thunder ... Formerly known as Mike Samson of The Billion-Dollar Babies ... Enhancing his new superhero image by wearing a mask and distributing bibles on his way to the ring.



386 TOMMY CAIRO (6', 260, 13, NL) Has reigned as the USA Pro outlaw champion for four years ... His signature maneuvers are the powerslam and reverse power bomb ... Feuding with Axl Rotten and USA Pro heavyweight champion "Big" Dick Dudley ... A veteran wrestler from New Jersey who has wrestled in many North East promotions, including Extreme Championship Wrestling during its formative years ... Now he wrestles primarily in New York.

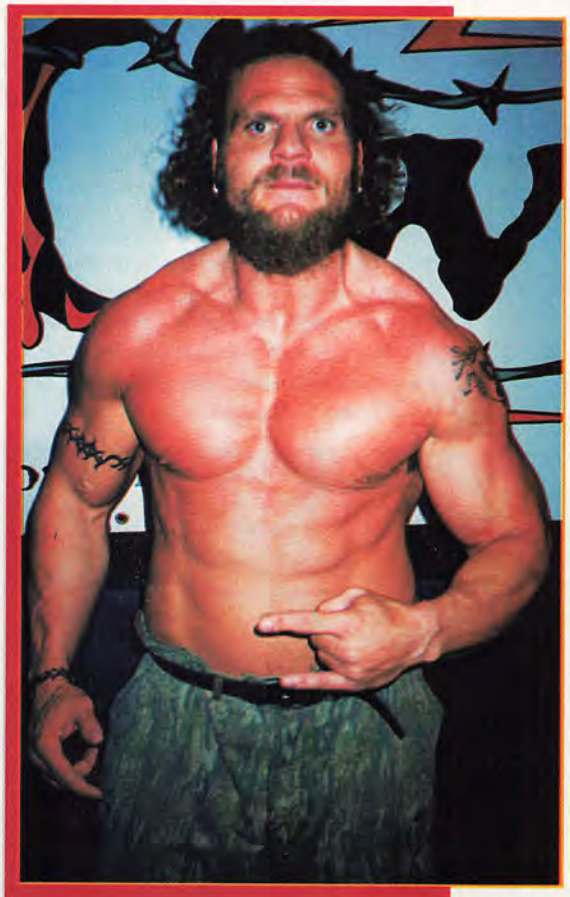
387 DREAM KILLER (6'1", 326, 8, 386) Returned to his bad guy roots by joining promoter Bertrand Hebert in The Booker's Mafia ... Has the dubious distinction of having the two shortest Quebec tag team title reigns in Northern Championship Wrestling history; his reign with Black Bear was over within minutes ... They lost the belts back to Deadly Venumm the same night they won them ... NCW's "Original Monster."

388 THE PERSIAN PRINCE (5'10", 205, 18, 365) Celebrated his 18th year in the East Coast Wrestling Association, perhaps the longest-running relationship between a wrestler and a promotion ... His elaborate prematch rituals and in-ring cunning cause fans to hate him ... A former ECWA heavyweight and tag team champ ... Has missed only two shows during his 18-year run in the ECWA ... Managed by Barry Casino.

389 GEORGE STEELE (6'2", 288, 40, NL) Unsuccessful in his bid to defeat International Association of Wrestling titleholder Brian "The Crippler" Costello, but has inflicted several injuries on the champ ... Current president of the AWA, much to the dismay of former prez Dale Gagne ... Defeated Jeff Jarrett on *Nitro* ... A WWF Hall of Famer ... At 63, "The Animal" is one of the oldest wrestlers active today.

390 SHAWN CHRISTOPHER (5'9", 218, 5, 375) Competes in Kentucky and Tennessee ... Feuded with The Tennessee Thugs, Beau James and Tracey Smothers ... His biggest wins were over James and Smothers in September 1999 ... The Thugs gained revenge by breaking his hand later that month ... The feud helped him become the most popular star in Hardcore Championship Wrestling.

391 BOOGIE WOOGIE BROWN (6'1", 380, 10, NL) Returned to the East Coast Wrestling Association this year after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery ... Now referred to as B.W. Brown, the ex-fan favorite is going through an identity crisis ... Joined the hated Kevin Kelly and his Connecticut Connection ... Remains popular in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling ... Battled Cheetah Master, his former friend, in a ladder match ... Teams with Mae Young and Fabulous Moolah on occasion.



392 GLEN KULKA (6'5", 275, 3, NL) The former CFL football star spent most of the year in Memphis under a WWF developmental contract ... After being released, seized the opportunity to destroy old Memphis foe Carl Ouellete for NCW promoter Bertrand Hebert ... His main-event match against Ouellete at Challengemania VIII drew an impressive crowd.

393 MARC THE GRIZZLY (6', 306, 5, 367) Faded from Northern Championship Wrestling's top tier after losing the Quebec title to Piranah in late-1999 ... Teaming with Floyd Broffman's new recruit, Kid Rock (not the musician) ... As Vicieux and Delicieux, they are climbing the tag team ranks ... Might emerge as the top contender to Quebec champion Piranah, since he never received a rematch.

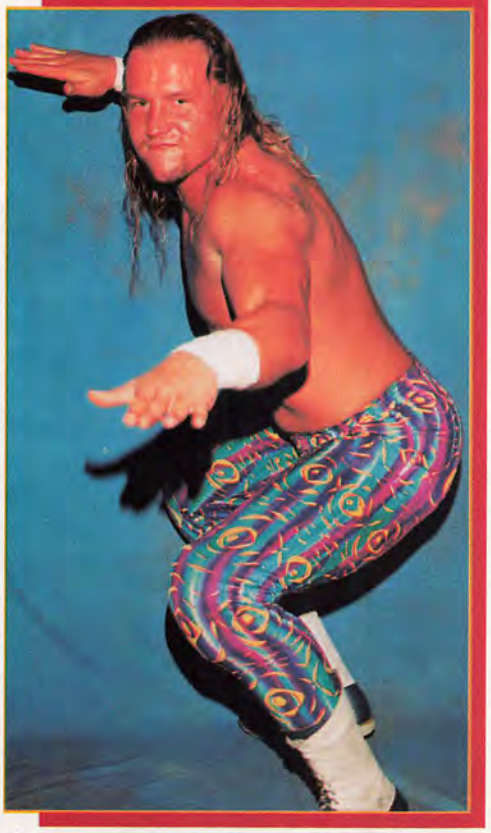
394 AL SAVAGE (6'1", 237, 7, NL) Former four-time Unified Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Accompanied by the voluptuous Busty Steel ... Boasts good speed and agility, complemented by explosive power ... Trained by Adrian Street ... Best moves include the splash, bulldog, and cross-bodyblock from the top rope ... Nicknamed "Awesome" Al ... Competes in the Southeast.

395 JEFF VICTORY (5'10", 230, 10, 395) Has reigned as North American Wrestling Alliance champion for two years ... Tommy Gunn is his top contender ... Managed by Buddy Shane ... Has competed in the PWF, APW, and EWA ... The figure-four leglock is his signature hold ... Nickname is "Mr. Controversy" ... Hometown is Lenoir, North Carolina.

396 JIMMY SNUKA SR. (6'1", 260, 31, 310) Seeking a match with USA Pro champion "Big" Dick Dudley ... Defeated King Kong Bundy, Demolition Ax, The Iron Sheik, Kid USA, Manny Fernandez, and perennial rival Metal Maniac this year ... Still delivers the "Superfly" leap ... Engaged in a bloody feud with The Equalizer ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Might have more experience than anyone else listed in the 2000 "*PWI* 500" ... Trying to reconcile with his son, who desperately wants to be out of his father's shadow.

397 JOHNNY KASHMERE (6', 206, 2, NL) Holds three tag team championships with Trent Acid: the CZW, EWF, and Outlaws of Wrestling ... Former Outlaws of Wrestling cruiserweight champ ... Also competed in NWA New Jersey, the ECWA, the IWA, USCW, and ATCW ... Managed by "Big 80s" Donnie B ... His best maneuvers include the exploder suplex, the reverse somersault senton, and "the one-hit wonder" ... Promoted three wrestling shows on his own this year.

398 CODY HAWK (6'2", 220, 2, 453) Feuding with The G.Q. Corporation in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Competes in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Tennessee ... Appeared in the WWF ... Teams with "Taxi Driver" Anthony McMurphy ... Former HWA tag team and PWX TV champ ... Nicknamed "The Surfer" ... From Malibu Beach, California.



399 MIKE SULLIVAN (6'1", 225, 5, NL) Captured the Independent Pro Wrestling title from The Cuban Assassin (Fidel Sierra) on January 29 ... Now a member of 911 Inc., managed by Sir Ronald J. Niemi IV ... Had been one of the most popular wrestlers in Florida before turning against Mike and Todd Shane ... Formerly known as The Freedom Ryder.

400 LADIES' CHOICE (6', 214, 1, 460) Became incensed when ECCW champion Kurrgan choke-slammed valet Samantha Slides ... Tried to defend her honor but was choke-slammed for his efforts ... Held the Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling junior heavyweight title for nine months and, at one point during that reign, also held the ECCW hardcore and NWA Vancouver Island belts ... Needed a total of 15 stitches in his head this year ... Also competes in Championship Wrestling USA, British Columbia Wrestling, and All Pro Wrestling.

401 CURTIS SLAMMDAWG (6'2", 247, 5, 358) Leader of The New York Posse, which includes J. Kobain and Ron Zombie ... From Bleeker Street in New York City ... Managed by Lance Wright ... The current NWA New England champion ... Has also held the Green Mountain Wrestling title ... His rivalry with The Mercenary dates back to his debut match in 1995 ... The big city drop is his finisher.

402 DYLAN NIGHT (6', 225, 2, NL) Pinned Steve Corino, who later became a mentor to Night ... Also tested by Nova ... Competes in KYDA Pro and other Mid-Atlantic indies ... The 19-year-old calls himself "High Profile" ... Trained by Jimmy Z ... His goal is to wrestle in ECW.

403 THE SCORPION (6'1", 221, 4, NL) Despised by fans in the American Independent Wrestling Federation ... Chants of "Opie! Opie!" resonate as he walks down the aisle ... Feuding with The Tennessee Violence Authority and The Ghost Riders ... Co-holder of the AIWF tag team title with Major Havoc ... Also reigns as the AIWF triple threat champion ... Held the AIWF U.S. and TV belts in the past.

404 BRIAN ANTHONY (6', 213, 10, NL) Became a NWA title contender by defeating Samu and Dan Severn ... Involved in the first-ever three-way match for the NWA championship at the NWA's 51st anniversary show. Gary Steele pinned Naoya Ogawa for the belt in that contest ... A three-time former NWA East/PWX champion ... Has competed in the Heartland Wrestling Association and World X-Treme Wrestling ... Recently wrestled in a WWF dark match.

405 HARDCORE COMINI (5'8", 338, 5, 416) Has a fun-loving attitude, but his big mouth has earned him more suspensions than any other All Pro Wrestling competitor ... Uses his superior power to offset the speed advantages of his opponents ... Traded his old nickname, "Boom Boom," for a new one, "Hardcore" ... Now rarely seen without a steel chair in his hand ... Wrestled in three All Pro universal title matches this year, losing two to Tony Jones and forfeiting a third to current champ Frank Murdoch because of an injured arm.

406 INDIANA KIDD JR. (6'1", 230, 5, 411) The first competitor to win all four major Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws titles: the heavyweight, lightweight, tag team, and Midwest belts ... Don Basher and Guy Lombardo (not the band leader's skeletal remains) sidelined Indiana for several weeks ... Lombardo ran out of WCWO, but Kidd gained revenge against Basher by defeating him in a tournament final for the heavyweight strap ... Basher cheated him out of the title two months later.

407 TONY GOLDEN (6'2", 245, 8, NL) Competed in the Florida area for most of last year ... Wrestled occasionally in Ohio for the Northern Wrestling Federation and Real Deal Pro Wrestling, among other promotions ... Feuded with ex-partner Todd Staubach ... Formerly known as King Kong Krusty and Crusty Staubach ... Had a brief feud with "The Reporter" Roman Garcia ... Formed Zero Tolerance with "Suicidal" Jed Diamond ... Accompanied by a blonde-haired vixen named Skye.

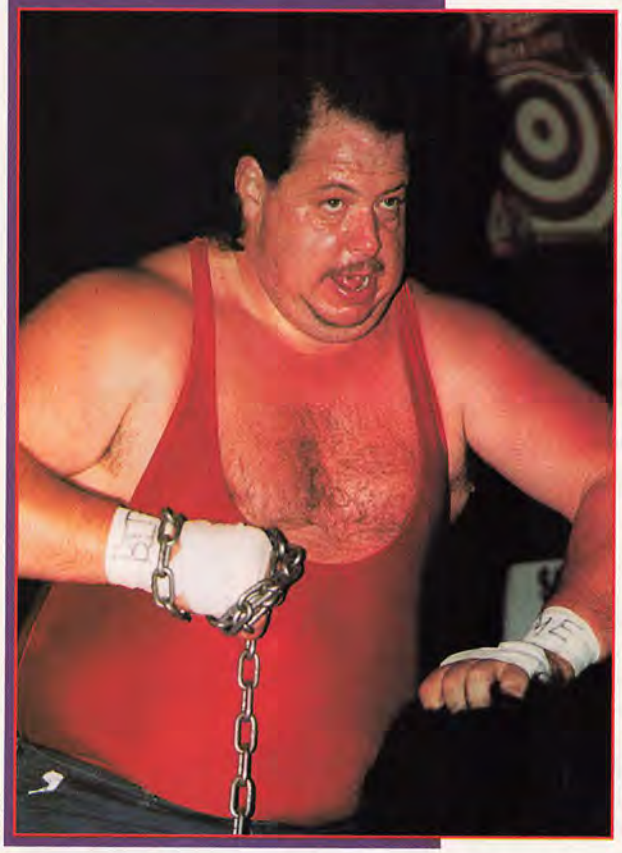
408 DAVID YOUNG (5'10", 230, 11, 479) Feuded with Air Paris in late-1999 ... Won the NWA Georgia tag team title on two occasions, with Shane Austin and Rick Michaels, respectively ... He and Michaels, known as Bad Attitude, are battling Ashley Hudson and Kory Williams, The Kohl Brothers, and The Rock 'n' Roll Express ... His favorite maneuver is the spinebuster.

409 JIMMIE LEE (6'1", 265, 10, NL) Competes in several Midwest and Southern promotions, but the American States Wrestling Alliance is his base ... The most popular star in the ASWA ... Co-holder of the ASWA tag team title with Big Zed ... Formed The Coalition of Demolition with Zed and Exodus ... Nickname is "The Nightmare" in the ASWA ... Assumes the name "The Gravedigger" in other promotions ... He and occasional partner Mr. Insanity are collectively known as Mentally Unstable.

410 GUTTERBOY (6'2", 238, 6, NL) Co-holder of the National Wrestling League tag team title ... A hardcore match against Samu was his toughest singles bout to date ... Involved in important tag team matches with The Headbangers and The Rock 'n' Roll Express ... Wrestled in an intense pinfalls-count-anywhere match against NWL champion John Rambo ... Former NWL and HOPWF champion.

411 CHIP FAIRWAY (5'10", 225, 3, 420) Sidelined for two months following a near-fatal car crash ... Also suffered from a torn groin, which required another two-month recovery ... Carries Big Bertha, his golf club, to ringside ... Teams with Cody Hawk ... Feuded with Shark Boy and The Suicide Boy ... Competes primarily in Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Louisville ... A mainstay in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... A former IWA champion.

412 DON BASHER (6', 295, 15, 418) "The Dangerous Bull" has held the Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws title a record 10 times ... Latest championship victory was over the WCWO's most popular star, Indiana Kidd Jr., who had defeated Basher in a tournament final for the belt earlier in the year ... Formed the WOR, which stands for Western Outlaws Rule, in January 2000 ... Members include his valet, WCWO women's champion Angelfire, along with "The Zombie" Rob Ramer ... The most hated wrestler in the WCWO ... Competes primarily in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio.



413 MORGUS THE MANIAC (6'2", 240, 16, NL) Perennial rival of National Wrestling League champion John Rambo ... Former House of Pain Wrestling Federation heavyweight and tag team champ ... Competes in Maryland and West Virginia ... Considers Vader one of his toughest opponents ever.

414 JAY JAILLET (5'10", 204, 4, NL) A professional bodybuilder turned wrestler ... Former EWA light heavyweight and hardcore champ ... He and Luis Ortiz battled over the NWA New England junior heavyweight title in 1999 ... Competed in dark matches at WWF television programs ... Former tag partner of The Mercenary ... A broken ankle and concussion have caused him problems in the past ... Nicknamed "Kidd USA."

415 WOLVERINE (5'9", 225, 8, 380) Captured the Rhode Island Wrestling Alliance heavyweight and New England Wrestling Alliance continental titles this year ... Wolverine happened to be working as a bartender at The Friendly Tap in Cumberland, Rhode Island, when The Acolytes started a fight there. Bradshaw threw him onto a pool table, and Faarooq smashed him with a light hanging above ... Road Dogg hit him over the head with a bottle at the same establishment three months later ... Teams with Danger Boy Alfredo.

416 JON DAHMER (6'1", 227, 4, NL) Beat New Millennium champion Big Slam in under three minutes ... Teams with Diablos Macabre ... Suffered torn muscles in his left foot and was sidelined for three weeks ... Still plagued by a pinched nerve in his neck ... Accompanied by Natasha ... Competes in Northeast independents ... Has held the Combat Zone Wrestling tag team title with Jose Rivera Jr.

417 BIG SLAM (6'3", 440, 11, 449) Captured the Southern Championship Wrestling tag team title with King ... A former co-holder of the Independent Professional Wrestling Alliance tag team title with C.W. Anderson ... Has held the IPWA and Atlantic Championship Wrestling heavyweight belts ... Teams with Chris Stephenson ... Feuding with Jimmy Cicero, Cueball Carmichael, and Dewey Cheatum ... His best move is the choke-slam ... Looks as if he's related to Vader.

418 LARRY DESTINY (6'3", 240, 4, NL) Aligned with "Irish" Bobby Clancy in a feud against Otis Apollo and Barry Horowitz ... Former Border City TV champ ... Competed in the Global Wrestling Alliance ... Resides in Windsor, Ontario ... Wrestles throughout Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio ... A high-flying technician.

419 DANGER BOY ALFREDO (5'9", 220, 5, 382) Won the TV titles of the Rhode Island Wrestling Alliance and New England Wrestling Alliance this year ... All he wanted was a swig of beer on his night off, but he encountered The Acolytes at The Friendly Tap in Cumberland, Rhode Island, last October. During a scuffle, Bradshaw sent him through a table and a jukebox, shattering the glass ... The Acolytes beat him up again when the WWF returned to Rhode Island in January ... Has held the RIWA and NEWA tag titles with Wolverine.

420 JUGGERNAUT (6'5", 369, 2, 497) Held the NWA Pacific Northwest heavyweight and tag team titles, along with the NWA Canadian tag team championship, during the past year ... Rivals include Leatherface, Michelle Starr, Moondog Manson, and ECCW champion Kurrgan ... Has competed in Canada, the U.S., Korea, and Japan ... Faced The Honky Tonk Man, Greg Valentine, and Jimmy Snuka, among other major stars ... Has been lit on fire twice.

421 ADAM FIRESTORM (5'10", 175, 4, NL) Rose to prominence this year in NWA Pacific Northwest/ECCW … The fans love this Auckland, New Zealand, native … A top contender to the NWA Canadian junior heavyweight title currently held by Disco Fury … Fared well against IWA Japan's Jason the Terrible … Known primarily for his high-flying offense, but is well-versed in technical wrestling … Frequently teams with The High Fivin' White Boyz, Chance and Havoc.

422 DINO BAMBINO (5'10", 200, 2, 431) Thrilled crowds in Mid-American Wrestling and All-Star Championship Wrestling with his feuds against Jason Kronan and Adam Pearce … A mainstay in Wisconsin … Defeated Pearce for the Steel Domain title … His favorite finishing move is the tumbleweed legdrop.

423 BRIAN DAY (6'5", 292, 2, NL) Known for his size and tremendous physique … Former tag partner of Dukes Dalton … Captured the WSW New England title from Curtis Slammdawg … Also competing in NWA New England … Executes a seated slam to set up his over-the-shoulder backbreaker … Uses the nickname "Bad Boy" to honor his mentor, "Bad Boy" Tony Rumble, who died last year.

424 CRUSHER HANSEN (6'1", 242, 4, 394) Returned to Pro Wrestling Xpress following two months on the sidelines due to a knee injury … Had a successful run in Steel City before that … Claims to be a distant relative of Stan Hansen; the facial similarities are uncanny … As PWX's "enforcing official," Hansen referees his own matches. Has gone so far as to disqualify himself for not breaking his own five-count! … Competed in dark matches on WWF programs in November '99 and February '00.

425 DINO DEVINE (6'1", 255, 1, NL) Began his career as the bodyguard of Maryland Championship Wrestling's first titleholder, Romeo Valentino … Largely unsuccessful in his rookie year, competing against veterans such as Stevie Richards, The Blue Meanie, Tom Brandi, King Kong Bundy, and The Headbangers … Rebounded this year by defeating Adam Flash for the EWF title … Teams with Christopher Carmichael in MCW.

426 J-ROCC (6', 235, 2, NL) Celebrated his first anniversary as North Coast Wrestling Alliance champion … Also holds the WWA ironman title … Former UPW TV champ … Competes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, and West Virginia … Debuted in several promotions this year, including Steel City and NWA East/Pro Wrestling Express … Managed by "Flamboyant" Freddie Fargo … Adopted the frog splash, which he coined "froggy style," as his finisher … Calls himself "The Big Daddy Of Destruction."

427 KID COLLINS (6'2", 220, 14, NL) The current American States Wrestling Alliance junior heavyweight champion … Based in Ohio, but appears throughout the Northeast and Appalachian region … Formed the Bald World Order with Random Pain, I.M. Krazy, and El Squeeto; they attack unsuspecting wrestlers and shave their heads … Trained by Geto Mongol and Charlie Fulton.

428 BRIAN RESCUE (5'10", 235, 1, NL) Held the New World Wrestling tag team title with fellow firefighter Michael Firehouse from October 1999 to March 2000 … A member of The Stationhouse, a group of wrestling firemen … His finishers include the extinguisher, the backdraft, and the 911 … Chief J.J. Hott is his manager, and The Fire Fox is the Stationhouse valet … Hails from Canton, Ohio.

429 RICH MYERS (5'10", 218, 10, 448) Made headlines when, along with Earl the Pearl and Platinum Nat, he beat up a popular disc jockey in the Baltimore area … He and Earl, known as The Holy Rollers, spent almost the entire year feuding with Joey Matthews and Christian York … They won the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title twice this year … Wrestled in preliminary matches for the WWF in the early-1990s.

430 BILLY REIL (5'11", 201, 6, 438) Trained by Reckless Youth, The Pit Bulls, and Dory Funk Jr. … Impressed many with his performance against Sabu in April … Has held over 15 independent titles, including ISPW and Jersey All Pro light heavyweight titles … Is currently feuding with Low-Ki … Has competed in the Northeast, Tennessee, and Australia.

434 DANGER (6'5", 295, 4, 406) Dominates three promotions as the Eastern States, World of Hurt, and UWA champion … Calls himself "The Albino Rhino" and "The Largest Man On The Planet" … Completed training with former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr. in February … His finishing maneuvers include the Danger zone (a Michinoku driver) and suffocation devastation (a double-handed choke-slam tiger bomb) … Has a tumultuous relationship with manager Kenny Casanova … "Ms. Dangerous" Fierra Fox is his valet … Competes primarily in New York.

435 MICHAEL FIREHOUSE (6'2", 256, 4, NL) A member of The Stationhouse, a group of firefighters who compete in Ohio, with occasional trips into the South … Was a co-holder of the New World Wrestling tag team title from October 1999 to March 2000 … Employs a variety of finishers, including the extinguisher, the backdraft, and the 911 … The brother of Jay Pumper.

436 DON CARSON (6', 279, 13, 405) The merger of the American Independent Wrestling Federation and East Coast Championship Wrestling prompted Carson to reunite with ex-partner Sebastian Kane, a former ECCW tag team champ … The re-formed Tennessee Violence Authority are seeking the AIWF tag team title … In addition to being a former tag champ, Carson has held the AIWF heavyweight and U.S. belts.

431 BOBBY CLANCY (5'5", 218, 9, 462) As a member of The Canadian Bad Boys, he holds the Border City tag team title … Feuding with Otis Apollo, his championship partner … Apollo turned against him earlier this year … Now a fan favorite again … Has also held the Ontario Wrestling Alliance heavyweight and Border City cruiserweight titles … Nicknamed "Irish Bobby" … From Windsor, Ontario.

432 HELLRAISER BLOOD (6'2", 235, 13, 352) Teamed with Primetime, his former archrival, to win the St. Paul tag team title … He and Gutts comprise The Hellraisers … Has one of the biggest mouths in the Midwest … From Calgary, Alberta … Noted for his battles with Charlie Norris and Mitch Paradise.

433 CORY K (6'10", 327, 2, NL) Entered Pro Wrestling Xpress in late-1999 to aid his older brothers, Vince Kaplack and Brandon K, in their feud with The Gentlemen's Club … The biggest wrestler in PWX, "Five-Star" Cory uses a double-handed choke-slam as his finisher … Turned against his brothers after defeating Mr. Bigg for the Pittsburgh Wrestling League title … Holds the WLW championship … Recently lost the PWL belt to Brandon K in a bloody match … Now a member of The Program with "Spiffy" Sean Styles and Big Poppa Gator.

437 THE INTIMIDATOR (5'11", 203, 4, NL) The current champion of the Virginia-based North American Wrestling Alliance … Defeated "Mr. 387" Shane Hooker for the title in September 1999 … Has successfully defended against Hooker and Rip Manson since that time … Gino Blanchard is clamoring for a title shot … Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is Intimidator's hometown.

438 JOE RULES (5'11", 237, 7, 445) Lost an evening gown match to popular valet Suzanna in his debut for New Jersey's United Wrestling Coalition … Rebounded to defeat Section 8 for the UWC North American title in a boot camp match … Ranked number 500 in 1997's "*PWI* 500" … Goes by the nickname "As Seen On TV" since appearing on *The Jerry Springer Show* with a 350-pound stripper named Tiny … Accompanied by manager Patricia M. Steinman and valet Luxurious Lynne.

439 ROB CARLIN (5'5", 140, 2, 457) Defeated Danny Garnell, Psycho Steve, Jon Ryan, Jonny Moss, and Dean Champion this year … His series against Champion, based on mutual respect, was characterized by daredevil moves and technical wizardry … Competes in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock … Suffered a knee injury … Represented Scotland at the European Amateur Wrestling Championships and won a bronze medal … Captured the 1992 British Open Tae Kwon Do Championship.

440 JAY PUMPER (6'3", 253, 1, NL) The current NWW Ohio State champion … Along with his brother, Michael Firehouse, Pumper is a member of The Stationhouse … Frequently wrestles stars from NWA Worldwide and other Georgia independents … The firefighting attire is no gimmick; he and his comrades are legitimate firefighters … His finishing move is the super pump slam … Accompanied by Stationhouse manager J.J. Hott and valet The Fire Fox.

441 HELLRAISER GUTTS (6'3", 285, 2, 455) Competed in more singles matches this year to improve his game, but was still seconded by partner Hellraiser Blood on many occasions ... Has feuded with Primetime, Adam Pearce, Ace Steel, and Mitch Paradise ... Former Wrestle America 2000 champion ... Appeared in ECW.

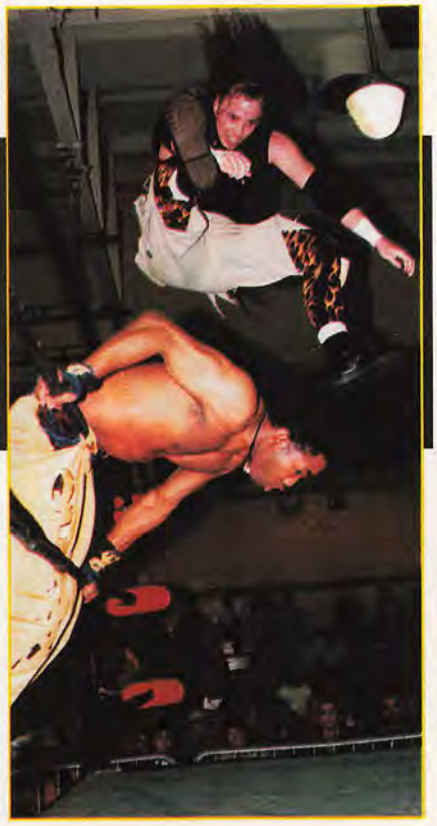
442 CORPORAL ROBINSON (6'3", 330, 8, NL) The current Mid-American champion ... Feuded with Ian Rotten, Mad Man Pondo, and Hardcore Craig ... Held the Mid-American tag title with Craig; they are known as The Extreme Dream Team ... Winner of the 1999 MAW Hardcore Cup Tournament ... Wears camouflage attire ... One of the toughest wrestlers in the Midwest.

443 ADAM FLASH (5'11", 205, 8, 423) Captured the MCW cruiserweight, EWF heavyweight, and NCW heavyweight titles this year ... Competes in Pennsylvania and Maryland ... Teams with "Doomsday" Danny Rose ... A high-flyer with solid mat skills ... Hails from Seattle ... His signature move is the Seattle grunge plunge, a legdrop off the top rope.

444 EARL THE PEARL (5'10", 205, 5, 454) Experienced the most successful year of his career after turning his back on the fans ... Under the guidance of Platinum Nat, he and Rich Myers formed The Holy Rollers and are two-time Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team titleholders ... Feuded with Gillberg in several promotions on the East Coast ... Disguised himself as a parking lot attendant on *Raw* and attacked Crash Holly in an attempt to win the WWF hardcore title.

445 JIMMY SNUKA JR. (6'1", 230, 1, NL) Hated rulebreaker feuding with Demolition Ax ... Got into a shoving match with his famous father ... Despises being in "The Superfly's" shadow ... Knows many wrestling holds but chooses to brawl ... Competes in several New York promotions, including USA Pro Wrestling ... Hails from the Fiji Islands.

446 ANTHONY ADONIS (6'5, 260, 2, 401) His large frame allows him to hook up with any heavyweight, yet his agility enables him to execute cruiserweight moves ... Has held the FCW Caribbean Islands title many times ... Co-holder of the Florida Championship Wrestling tag team title with Tony Apollo. They comprise the FPL, Florida Power and Luvin' ... Ex-Future of Wrestling champion ... Recently had tryouts with WCW and the WWF.



447 RICK SILVER (5'9", 202, 5, 485) Silver spent much of the year teaming with "Live Wire" Dave Desire as The Big Unit, the pride of Key's Hunt, Florida ... The Unit briefly held the NWA-NY tag team titles ... Wrestled memorable matches against The Haas Brothers, The Soul Brothers, Mind and Matter, and The Hit Squad until an injury to Desire forced Silver into singles competition ... Held NWF tag team gold with Joe Rules, as well as the UWC heavyweight title ... Took Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake to the limit in a recent contest.

448 TORCH (5'9", 175, 4, 482) Defeated Black Dragon for the NWA Canadian junior heavyweight title on March 11 in Kelowna, British Columbia ... Failed to beat NWA junior heavyweight champion Tony Kozina despite several attempts ... Won Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling's first junior heavyweight royal rumble ... Scored victories over Michelle Starr, Randy Tyler, Disco Fury, and Chance Beckett ... Clashed with ECCW Commissioner Dave Republic, who prefers the NWA's more traditional style of wrestling.

449 BRIAN COSTELLO (6', 260, 18, 402) Remarkably, his fourth reign as International Association of Wrestling champion has lasted more than two years ... Successfully defended the title against Demolition Ax, George Steele, and former NWA and ECW champion Terry Funk ... Won the CIW title to go along with his CIWA belt ... Earned the nickname of "The Crippler" by breaking Paul Roma's neck ... Has competed in the WWF, WCW, and All-Japan.

450 DR. FEELGOOD (6', 263, 4, NL) He and Mike Pain comprise Bad Medicine ... They are top contenders to the North American Wrestling Alliance tag team title ... Former four-time PWF Eastern States champ ... Also held the PWF and SCW tag championships ... From Beverly Hills, California ... Competed previously in the EWA and APW ... Based in North Carolina.

451 JACKIE ANDERSON (5'10", 198, 14, 461) Turned fan favorite this year ... Teams with rookie Terry Mulligan ... Rivals include The Tennessee Violence Authority, The War Machines, and The Family ... Has held the American Independent Wrestling Federation light heavyweight, tag team, and U.S. titles ... Competes in Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina.

452 PAUL VAULT (5'11", 215, 2, 432) Feuds with Jon Ryan, Jonny Moss, and Sinn (Chris Champion) have improved his game tremendously, making him a headliner in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Has also competed in some American promotions, including the National Wrestling League, the House of Pain Wrestling Federation, and World X-Treme Wrestling ... Vault's valet, Gemini, turned against him at Hammerlock's Trans-Atlantic Wrestling Challenge and joined his opponent, Sinn ... A 12-time Staffordshire pole vault champion and a semi-finalist on the British version of *Gladiators*.

453 ROMEO BLISS (6', 232, 3, 478) Former National Championship Wrestling U.S. champ ... Engaged in a series of great matches with Jessie Taylor ... Utilizes an old-school style, but does X-rated interviews ... When the NWA invaded NCW/Wildside, one of the first official acts of NWA Vice President Bill Behrens was to ban Bliss from doing promos ... His tag line is "I'm so pretty!"

454 FRANKY THE MOBSTER (6'1", 188, 4, NL) The NCW Inter-city champion returned from probation imposed by management to become a leader in the war against The Booker's Mafia of Bertrand Hebert ... Battled Sweet Boy and Eric Shelley during his year-long pursuit of the Inter-city title ... So popular with the ladies that he might surpass Piranah as Northern Championship Wrestling's favorite star ... Made an appearance with Toronto's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation.

455 MR. EXCELLENT (6', 215, 4, NL) Amazes crowds with flashy scientific holds, counters, and reverses ... His aerial ability is also formidable, especially the variety of moonsaults he utilizes ... Has held the World Wrestling Promotions heavyweight and New Dimension U.S. titles ... From Philadelphia ... Has trained with former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr.

456 MERC THE CRUISER (6'2", 228, 6, 421) The only one-armed wrestler in the sport ... Lost the Christian Wrestling Alliance light heavyweight title to Panther ... He and Born Again Brawler, known as The Crusaders, are former CWA tag champs ... The armagon is his finisher ... Dedicated his career to the late Owen Hart and wears a Hart T-shirt when he wrestles.

457 VIPER (5'10", 260, 17, 433) Has engaged in memorable feuds with Glen Osbourne, Cheetah Master, J.J. Johnston, and Thunder during his 17-year career in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... The force behind Brute Force ... A former ECWA heavyweight, tag team, and Mid-Atlantic champ ... Combination of power and quickness make him a dangerous competitor.

458 A.J. STYLES (5'11", 212, 3, NL) Voted 1999 Rookie of the Year in Wildside ... Feuded with Rick Michaels and K. Krush ... His gymnastic style includes many high-flying moves ... The springboard legdrop and power bomb are his signature maneuvers ... Former National Championship Wrestling tag team and TV champ ... From Charlotte, North Carolina.

459 DIABLOS MACABRE (6'2", 228, 5, NL) Turned on Gabriel Knight to join Jon Dahmer ... The current Championship Pro Wrestling hardcore champion ... Feuding with Xavier Macabre ... Sidelined for four months after he suffered a tri-compound fracture of his ankle that required two screws, six pins, and a plate ... Formed The Thrill Kill Kult with Middknight and held the CPW and CZW tag titles together ... Based in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Competes in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, and North Carolina.

460 SHANE SHADOWS (6'2", 230, 8, 427) Lost the Championship Pro title to Bob Keller on September 19, 1999, in Martinsburg, West Virginia ... Feuding with Keller, Mohammed Kane, and Switchblade ... Managed by sneaky Spike Callahan ... An expert at hiding foreign objects ... The biggest wins of his career were over Buddy Landell and The Honky Tonk Man ... Has also faced Jimmy Valiant and Demolition Ax ... A former National Wrestling League champ ... Native of Hagerstown, Maryland.

461 PRIMO CARNERA III (6'9", 371, 16, NL) Relies on size and strength instead of technical skill ... Has gained nearly 70 pounds during the past couple of years ... Wrestled briefly as Big Guido as part of The Full-Blooded Italians in ECW ... Has turned against several tag team partners ... Hated by the fans ... Depends on his choke-slam to defeat opponents.

462 JOHNNY GRECO (6'4", 250, 6, NL) The current TWWA champion ... Called "a Chicago hot shot" by many in the promotion ... Managed by "Risky Business" Ronnie Raines ... Greco's in-ring ability and Raines' manipulative conduct have resulted in a lot of success for him ... Also competes in the Cumberland Wrestling Council and Die-hard Championship Wrestling ... Well-known in West Virginia and Tennessee.

463 JON ROCKER (6'2", 236, 8, NL) Cites The Headbangers, The Rock 'n' Roll Express, and Samu as his toughest opponents ... Co-holder of the National Wrestling League tag team title with Gutterboy ... Former House of Pain Wrestling Federation heavyweight and tag champ ... Competes in Maryland and West Virginia ... Not as hated as the baseball player.

464 JASON SENSATION (5'9", 153, 1, NL) Almost defeated Apocalypse Wrestling Federation champion El Fuego in his debut at Footbrawl '99 in November ... The scrawny Toronto comic has turned out to be one of the best young wrestlers in the Canadian indies ... Known for his dead-on impersonations of the late Owen Hart and Shawn Michaels ... Dominated Ms. B. Haven in an outrageous series of stipulation-laden contests, including "I Quit" and hair vs. hair matches.

465 DANNY ROSE (5'11", 260, 4, NL) Won the EWF title twice in 2000 ... Teams regularly with Adam Flash ... Departed Maryland Championship Wrestling this year ... Nicknamed "Doomsday" Danny ... Relies on pure power for most of his moves ... The Death Valley driver is his finisher ... Hometown is Chronic, New York.

466 GEZA KALMAN (5'11", 300, 6, NL) Wrestled Jimmy Snuka and King Kong Bundy this year ... Defeated Tyson Dux and Johnny Tornado ... Former UFC competitor ... Specializes in submission wrestling ... A regular in Border City Wrestling ... Nicknamed "Bigg Dawg" ... From Cambridge, Ontario.

467 BILLY JOE EATON (6'1", 230, 7, 442) Had great matches against "Scrap Iron" Adam Pearce this year ... Competes primarily in Mid-American Wrestling ... A high-flyer with a knack for the hardcore style ... Seeking a shot at Mid-American champion Cpl. Robinson ... A favorite in Wisconsin.

468 COL. CORRUPTION (6'3", 310, 8, 468) Co-holder of the Great Lakes tag team title ... He and Mayhem comprise The Southern Mississippi Militia ... From Fort Traitor, Mississippi ... Competes primarily in Wisconsin but has been spotted on WAWA and SPCW shows ... Has faced Mick Foley, The Honky Tonk Man, Jim Neidhart, The Bushwhackers, and The Killer Bees.

469 MAXX CRIMSON (6'3", 275, 8, 466) Claims to be banned from 38 states and 17 federations ... A member of The Intimidators, led by "Mean" Mark Mest ... Co-holder of the AAW tag team title with Mest ... Engaged in a long-running feud with The Cremator ... Nicknamed "The Outlaw" ... Competes in West Virginia, Tennessee, and occasionally on the East Coast.

470 ROB NOXIOUS (5'8", 231, 5, 408) "Obnoxious" Rob Noxious competes throughout the Northeast ... Trained by Steve Blackman and Johnny Graham ... Turned against Graham and hired Harvey Wippleman as his manager ... Dropped several important matches to Graham and Doink the Clown ... The running powerslam is his finisher ... Prefers to brawl instead of wrestle ... Dominated his feuds with Tommy Idol and George Anthony.

471 HORACE THE PSYCHOPATH (5'10", 255, 9, 437) Frequently spits beverages at his opponents ... Has feuded with Mitch Ryder, J.B. Trask, Scotty Zappa, Mad Wolverine, and Angel Armoni ... Based in Minnesota ... Loved by the fans ... Had a brutal kendo stick match against Kamikaze in Minneapolis.

472 ROB RAMER (6'2", 240, 4, 451) Entered the tag team wars when Vomit of The Wicked Jesters needed a partner at the last minute; they captured the Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws tag title ... Ramer and Vomit later lost the belts to Indiana Kidd Jr. and Coma Wieder ... "The Zombie" resumed his solo career and was one of the last two combatants in a battle royal to declare a new WCWO Midwest champion ... He was eliminated by Nate Webb ... Don Basher persuaded Ramer to turn against his partner, The Soultaker, and join the WOR (Western Outlaws Rule).

473 MAEL (6', 218, 1, 458) Teamed with Lord Davios to defeat Dallas Austin and Suicidal Youth, thereby earning the top contenders' spot for the Rhode Island Wrestling Alliance tag team title ... The most persistent enemy of Danger Boy Alfredo and Wolverine ... His signature move is the impaler, a version of the Rock bottom ... Added the missile dropkick and frankensteiner to his repertoire this year.

474 BILLY BART (5'10", 240, 6, 461) Defeated former tag team partner Johnnie Walker for the WCWO Midwest title after answering an open challenge ... Replaced Walker as "Dangerous Bull" Don Basher's partner and embarrassed Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws tag team champions The Country Boys ... "The Bad Boy" wants a shot at the WCWO heavyweight title, although Basher is the champion.

475 MOHAMMED KANE (6'6", 328, 12, 473) Turned fan favorite and is feuding with ex-manager Spike Callahan, Shane Shadows, and former tag team partner The Combat Kid ... Wears a black glove, which Callahan and Shadows insist is loaded with a foreign object ... Claims to be the toughest man in West Virginia-based Championship Pro Wrestling ... Has held the CPW Southeastern and tag team titles.

476 SWITCHBLADE (6'2", 278, 7, 491) The Championship Pro titleholder is one of the most popular stars in his promotion ... Tattooed brawler isn't afraid of spilling his blood—as long as he can inflict some vicious chair shots ... Ended his long-time feud with Prof. Egon Ecton in January by putting him out of wrestling ... Now battling Shane Shadows, his top contender.

477 JACKAL (5'11", 193, 3, 493) Found success as NCW Inter-city champ after Access Denied partner Piranah turned fan favorite ... Formed The Deadline with Nightmare ... They reigned as Quebec tag team titleholders for most of the year until losing to Shockwave at Challengemania VIII ... Managed by Floyd Broffman ... The young star has the most devious mind in Northern Championship Wrestling ... Also competed in Toronto's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation.

478 THE CREMATOR (6'6", 300, 6, 495) His feud with Johnny Greco and Risky Business Inc. has been going on for years ... A fan favorite in West Virginia and Tennessee ... His new finisher is the choke-bomb ... Revamped his appearance "for the new millennium" ... A former TWWA champ.

479 BIG SEXXY BUBBA (6', 400, 5, 496) Former World Alliance Wrestling heavyweight and hardcore champ ... Competes in the Southeast ... His signature move is the splash ... Managed by "Devious" King Larry ... Teams with Podec, Terry King, and Brad Donovan ... Has suffered knee and ankle injuries ... Feuding with Kenny Valentine ... From the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.

480 TROY MEST (5'10", 260, 9, 434) A member of The Intimidators, a group led by his brother, Mark ... Has competed in DCW, the TWWA, and the CWC ... Called "The Instigator" ... Stirs up trouble with the fans as much as he does with his opponents ... Has no respect for authority ... Wrestles throughout West Virginia and the East Coast.

481 GEMINI (5'10", 206, 3, NL) A high-flying, hard-hitting brawler ... Competes in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia ... Feuding with his brother, Steve Niles ... The current American Independent Wrestling Federation U.S. champion ... Has held the AIWF light heavyweight and triple threat titles ... From Brooklyn, New York.

482 JAKE DAMIEN (6', 230, 2, NL) Long-time manager Alexis Laree turned against him and caused him to lose the KYDA Pro mid-Atlantic title to Shorty Smalls ... "The Ripper" describes his demeanor and sculpted physique ... Competes primarily in KYDA Pro but appeared in California's Cyberfights.

483 DORTY REID (6'2", 221, 11, NL) The reigning U.S. champion of the Virginia-based North American Wrestling Alliance ... Dr. Cool is seeking a title shot ... Trained by Kirk Von Hess ... An excellent mat grappler ... Resides in Lynchburg, Virginia ... Loves the fans' cheers.

484 RYAN WING (5'10", 180, 2, NL) Captured the Independent Superstars of Pro Wrestling light heavyweight title in a three-way match also involving Judas Young and Billy Reil ... The 21-year-old participated in a training camp headed by former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr. ... Has held the ISPW tag team title with Derek Domino ... Calls himself "Sure Thing."

485 RIC GUNNER (5'9", 189, 4, NL) Captured his eighth Hardcore Championship Wrestling light heavyweight title last September ... Kicked out of The Tennessee Thugs on January 15 ... Reconciled with heel-turned-hero Shawn Christopher and began feuding with the Thugs ... His finisher is the TKO ... A high-flying specialist ... Competes in Kentucky.

486 KYLE STORM (6'1", 230, 8, NL) Defeated Ebony Blade for the IIW title ... Also competes in NWA New England, the WWA, and MIW ... He and his brother, Matt, feuded with The Power Company this year ... Utilizes the managerial services of Pat Piper and Kenny B. Done ... The Stormission, a version of the figure-four leglock, is his finisher ... Held tag team gold in MIW, YPW, the NEWF, and the NEWA.

487 RON SUTHERLAND (5'11", 220, 13, NL) The current WWA champion ... Formerly known as Section 8 ... Competes as Gringo Loco in Mexico ... Based in Arizona ... Established The Cartel International a year ago ... The Cartel includes Dumptruck Dawson, El Serpiente, Hipnosis, and manager Leo Gouldie ... Burned The Son of the Orient severely when he threw fire in his face.

488 EDDIE VALENTINE (5'11", 220, 2, NL) The current Pennsylvania Commonwealth champion ... A brutal Singapore cane match highlighted his feud against "Hardcore" Nick Mondo this year ... Accompanied by his valet, Jaguar ... Pinned by The Black Ninja in his debut ... Trained by Glen Osbourne and Afa the Wild Samoan ... Nicknamed "Fast" Eddie.

489 CHAINZ (6'3", 240, 8, NL) A member of The Tennessee Violence Authority with Don Carson and Sebastian Kane ... A bad biker dude ... Should consider "Not Of WWF Fame" as his nickname ... Competes in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee ... Has held the American Independent Wrestling Federation heavyweight and tag team titles.

490 CHROME (6'1", 227, 4, NL) This former Southern Championship Wrestling mid-carder gained main event status this year ... His feuds with Major DeBeers, Kross, and Scab are the reason for this jump up the ladder of contention ... A native of Cincinnati, Ohio ... Has wrestled in Southeastern independents for his entire career ... Has held the SCW brass knuckles title.

491 ANTHONY McMURPHY (6'2", 257, 1, NL) Captured the Heartland Wrestling Association tag team title with Cody Hawk ... Nicknamed "The Taxi Driver" ... Won the "Safest Driver Award" from the O'Lucky Cab Company ... Feuding with The G.Q. Corporation ... Bitter against poor tippers in the Cincinnati area ... His finishing moves are the gridlock (a fisherman suplex turned brainbuster) and the road rage (a neckbreaker from the top rope) ... Also competes in MECW, PWX, and MRW.

492 GUY WILLIAMS (5'10", 210, 7, NL) Became a fan favorite in Northern Championship Wrestling again this year, forming a popular team with Cobra ... Hogged the spotlight whenever NCW was featured on news segments ... A veteran trying to recapture the glory of his past years ... Ladies jump to their feet during his postmatch striptease.

493 RICK MICHAELS (6', 224, 8, NL) Turned against his student, A.J. Styles, in 1999 ... Defeated "Smart" Bart Sawyer for the NWA Georgia state title ... He and David Young, known as Bad Attitude, captured the Georgia tag team championship ... His partnership with Young has transformed him back into a fan favorite ... Competed in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock this year.

494 VANCE VAIN (6', 235, 1, NL) The flamboyant and arrogant star is the cornerstone of Style and Substance, backed by Jason Deadrich, the minority owner of All Pro Wrestling, and Terri Nicole Ash ... Calls himself "The Body" ... Formerly a fan favorite as "Mr. Electric" Vinnie Valentino ... His finishing maneuver is the swinging neckbreaker ... No word on whether he plans to run for governor in California.

495 JIMMY Z (6'2", 245, 7, NL) The owner of KYDA Pro ... Disagreements with former proteges Dylan Night and Shorty Smalls led to his return to action ... His rivalry with Smalls has lasted five years ... Vows to "teach some people respect about the business" ... Based in Virginia ... Known as "The Sweet One."

496 J.J. PEREZ (5'6", 168, 1, NL) Teamed with Donovan Morgan and advanced to the semifinals of the All Pro tag team title tournament on May 6 in Pacifica, California ... The high-flyer can execute a huracanrana from almost any position ... Calls his leaping piledriver the jakked-up piledriver ... Considered a top seed in the upcoming All Pro lightweight title tourney ... Nicknamed "Jiggy Jack."

497 PRIMETIME (5'9", 185, 4, NL) Fought tough battles against Hellraiser Gutts and Kamikaze ... Teamed with Hellraiser Blood, his former archrival, to win the St. Paul tag team title ... A light heavyweight brawler ... One of the hottest rising stars in the Midwest.

498 TERRY KING (6', 185, 5, NL) The current World Alliance Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Has held the WAW hardcore title for nearly 18 months ... Wrestles in the Southeast ... The Death Valley driver is his finishing maneuver ... From Thief River Falls, Minnesota, the hometown of Barry Darsow ... Teams with Brad Donovan, Big Sexxy Bubba, The Player, and Tommy Love ... His hardcore style has resulted in a knee injury, a bruised kidney, neck problems, and five stitches to his right hand.

499 JOE KANE (5'10", 222, 6, NL) Returned to Unified Championship Wrestling after a year on the sidelines due to a broken leg ... Has held the UCW continental, Alabama state, and Louisiana state titles ... Competes throughout the Southeast, from Texas to the Florida panhandle ... Sophisticated mat wrestler with broad knowledge of holds and counters ... Feuded with "Awesome" Al Savage over the UCW heavyweight belt ... Calls himself "The Prince Of Pain."

500 THE CALIFORNIA KID (6'2", 225, 9, NL) The current Hoosier Pro champion ... Co-holder of the Kentucky Independent Wrestling Federation tag team title ... Competes throughout the Midwest and South ... Has wrestled in main events against former WWF stars such as Jake Roberts, The Honky Tonk Man, and Typhoon ... Recently battled current WWF star Kurt Angle ... Three-time former Independent Championship Wrestling titleholder.

FAREWELL TO THE 500

*The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "**PWI** 500" came out, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.*

Keys are as follows: (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

2 Cold Scorpio (NL)
Joey Abs (NL)
Kevin Acres (NL)
Chris Adams (NL)
Gary Albright (D)
Jeff Anderson (NL)
Animal (NL)
Flex Armstrong (NL)
Kane Atoms (NL)
Able Atoms (NL)
Mr. Augila (NC)
Steve Austin (DL)
Redd Dog Begnaud (NL)
Paul Beswick (NL)
Biggie Biggs (NL)
Danny Blackheart (NL)
Blitzkrieg (I/NL)
Bonecrusher (NL)
Bad Bubba Brewer (NL)
Rusty Brooks (NL)
Eddie Brown (NL)
Bull Pain (NL)
The Canadian Bad Boy (NL)
Kit Carson (NL)
Gabe Casteel (NL)
J. Caster (NL)
Chaz (NL)
Chicano Flame (NL)
Danny Christian (NL)
Brian Christopher (NC)
Mr. Condor (NL)
Dan Cooley (NL)
Brian Danzig (NL)
Dark Justice (NL)
Joel Deaton (NL)
J.B. Destiny (NL)
Shirley Doe (NL)
Toy Dotson (NL)
Dr. Dan (NL)
Droz (R)
Bobby Duncum Jr. (D)
Bill Dundee (NL)
Prof. Egon Ecton (NL)
Elvis Elliott (NL)
Elon (NL)
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Manny Fernandez (NL)
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Scott Putski (NL)
Preston Quinn (NL)
Rage (NL)
The Rasta Savage (NL)
Ricky Rice (NL)
Stevie Richards (NC)
Scotty Riggs (NC)
Atlas Rivera (NL)
Rocco Rock (NL)
Bobby Rogers (NL)
Tony Rumble (D)
Randy Savage (I)
Julio Sanchez (NC)
Otto Schwanz (NC)
Dan Severn (NL)
Ken Shamrock (I)
Jimmy Sharpe (NL)
Stan Sierra (NL)
Tiger Ali Singh (NL)
Skank (NL)
Slickyboy (NL)
Wendell Smooth (NL)
Steve Stampede (NL)
Sebastian P. Sterling (NL)
Steven the Sweet Boy (NL)
Jesse James Stone (NL)
Devon Storm (NC)
Brett Stryker (NL)
Sweet Dreamz (NL)
Switchblade (NL)
Tarus (NL)
Scott Taylor (NC)
Tugboat Taylor (NL)
Terik the Great (NL)
Hunter Thompson (NL)
Toad (NL)
Tombstone (NL)
Vampiro Canadiense (NC)
Venum Black (NL)
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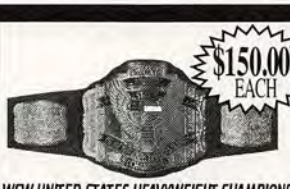

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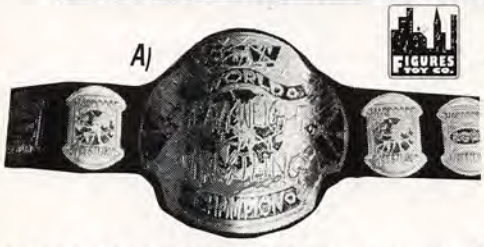

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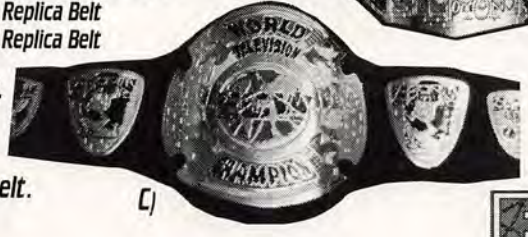

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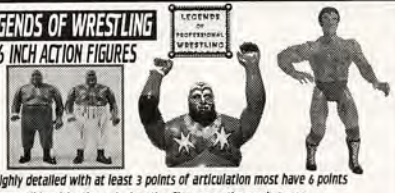

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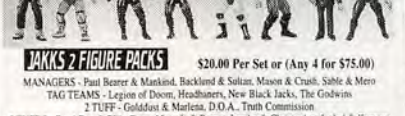

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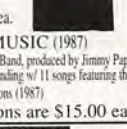

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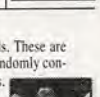

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PWI 500 BRANDI MANKIEWICZ'S TAKE

THE "PWI 500": A REAL SURVIVOR STORY

I HATE THIS list. I really do. Somehow, I was talked into doing it again. Rather, I felt compelled to do it since no one else was willing to pick up the ball once I tossed it aside last year. Why did I do it? I don't know. Family and friends keep asking me that. Hell, I keep asking me that, too. Maybe it's stupidity. Maybe it's a sense of duty. Maybe it's my passion for this sport. Who really knows.

The last few days are always the worst. Editing bios, calls from Harry Burkett about missing independent bios, and my computer crashing every half-hour or so—it all just adds to the fun. But, slowly, the pages start to form and the bios fall into place. Then, the worst happens. My computer crashes for good. Flatline. No response. Call it the curse of the "500."

I never had the greatest IBM-compatible computer in the world, but it survived two previous "500s." I had one more before it, but that one fried, too, because of this blasted ranking. Is it a trend? I hope not. There aren't any more spare computers in my office. Fortunately, another computer was found for me, and this one is capable of handling my computing needs ... I think.

You see, every year, the *"PWI* 500" expands. It may not look like it in this magazine, but there were more wrestlers considered for this list than ever before. Last year, I had well over 600 independent biographies sent to me. This year, it was more than 700. Now, if you add up the spots for WCW, the WWF, ECW, Japan, and Mexico, that leaves about 248 spots for the independents. And that means roughly 452 independent wrestlers who will undoubtedly call, write, and complain that they were not included. Well, I can't explain why a particular person was left off the list. But I can gloss over some of the frequently asked questions for you.

Should Mad Anthony McMurphy have been ranked higher than 491? I'm sure someone out there will think so. Mama McMurphy perhaps?

Number one: There is no conspiracy. For some reason, independent wrestlers are paranoid. Strangely enough, wrestlers think that we are out to somehow sabotage their careers. This is far from the truth. There is no conspiracy, but there are facts. We have a limited number of spaces to fill. If you're a wrestler who has limited exposure in your area with limited success, then chances are you won't be picked to be on the list.

As the "500" information comes pouring into my office, I catalog every independent bio that I receive by promotion, last year's ranking, and about where I think that particular person should be ranked this year according to the bio information that is sent. I also refer to my database of independent results and network of correspondents for any clarifications. Once I am finished compiling biographies, I then take that master list and separate the file, with the ones who I feel should be ranked highest listed first. From there, all the editors make the actual rankings.

Number two: No, a good dose of self-promotion doesn't hurt. Wrestlers can help themselves get noticed more by including a good color photo and a detailed biography. I don't ask for much, just these simple things. If I'm missing either, I might not use that person. And I can't just visit 700 Web sites to get the information that is needed.

Number three: No, [insert name here] should not have been ranked higher. Everyone always screams that so-and-so should have been ranked over so-and-so because of some reason or another. Well, that may or may not be true, but if we did rank everything perfectly, there would be nothing to debate. Plus, maybe we're just a bit less biased than those who have preconceived notions about the wrestlers involved.

By any rate, the *"PWI* 500" is a marvel. It's amazing that it's been around for 10 years now. When I look

back at the first few years, it seems like such a different list. The biographies were much smaller and less comprehensive. There were fewer international stars. There was even a dead guy or two among the listings. But with each passing edition, the list becomes more challenging and informative. We strive to make it the best it can possibly be. I strive to make each year better than the last. I already see changes I'd like to make for next year's task (if I'm up for the challenge). I know that it will never be a perfect list, but I am not sure if the perfectionist in me will ever settle for anything less.

Finishing the "500" is usually cause for celebration. Not this year. Just as I was finishing, I learned that Gordon Solie had died.

The "500" takes a lot out of me. Ask my co-workers who have to put up with me. I know I get increasingly aggravated by the list, especially since I tried to pawn it off on someone else for the past year or so. When April rolled around, I realized that it was all mine again. Yes, it was hard. Yes, I do hate the list at times. Yes, I do wish I could take a vacation during the summer like everybody else.

And just when I was loaded up with tons of stress, I could finally see the light at the end of a long tunnel. But one phone call snuffed out that light. It was my best friend calling to tell me that Gordon Solie had died. I was numbed. For some reason, I found it hard to concentrate on finishing the "500." Suddenly, it meant nothing. The euphoria that should have been shared with Hunter Hearst Helmsley will forever be tainted by that call.

There are very few celebrities that I really care to meet. I did not grow up worshipping idols like many of my friends. I would never quake in my shoes when meeting someone like Hulk Hogan or Bret Hart. They are both just human, after all. But there was one person that I always wanted to meet, and that was Gordon Solie.

I had the chance to meet Gordon at the NWA 50th Anniversary show in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. I was introduced by a mutual friend who was insistent that I meet him. My friend didn't have to insist too much. For the first time during my career in this crazy business, I was a wary of what a person would think of me. I am fully aware that it takes more for women to be accepted in this male-dominated world than in most businesses and was concerned that this bastion of the "old school" wouldn't take me seriously.

Fortunately, Gordon accepted me and within minutes was telling me stories about the good old days. The three of us laughed and enjoyed Gordon's stories of the Florida days, Ric Flair, Missy Hyatt and Eddie Gilbert, and Gino Hernandez. I felt at ease and enjoyed the chance to see Gordon and my friend spend some quality time together just for the sake of friendship. The whole scene—three of us in a hotel bar, laughing and telling stories—I wish I could go back to that day. But I can, for you see, my friend had his trusty camera with him, and he took a photo of me with Gordon. It's the only photograph that I've ever insisted to have taken of me. And now I am grateful that I have the photo ... even if it is out of focus. □

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PWI 500

DAVE LENKER'S TAKE

THE ROCK GOT ROBBED!

I REFUSE TO let this "500" get finished without a little controversy.

The fact that we only put one man on the cover, number-one man Triple-H, and not a number of possible candidates indicates that there wasn't much doubt as to who was going to get that top spot.

There wasn't.

In fact, I was the only one who argued against Triple-H.

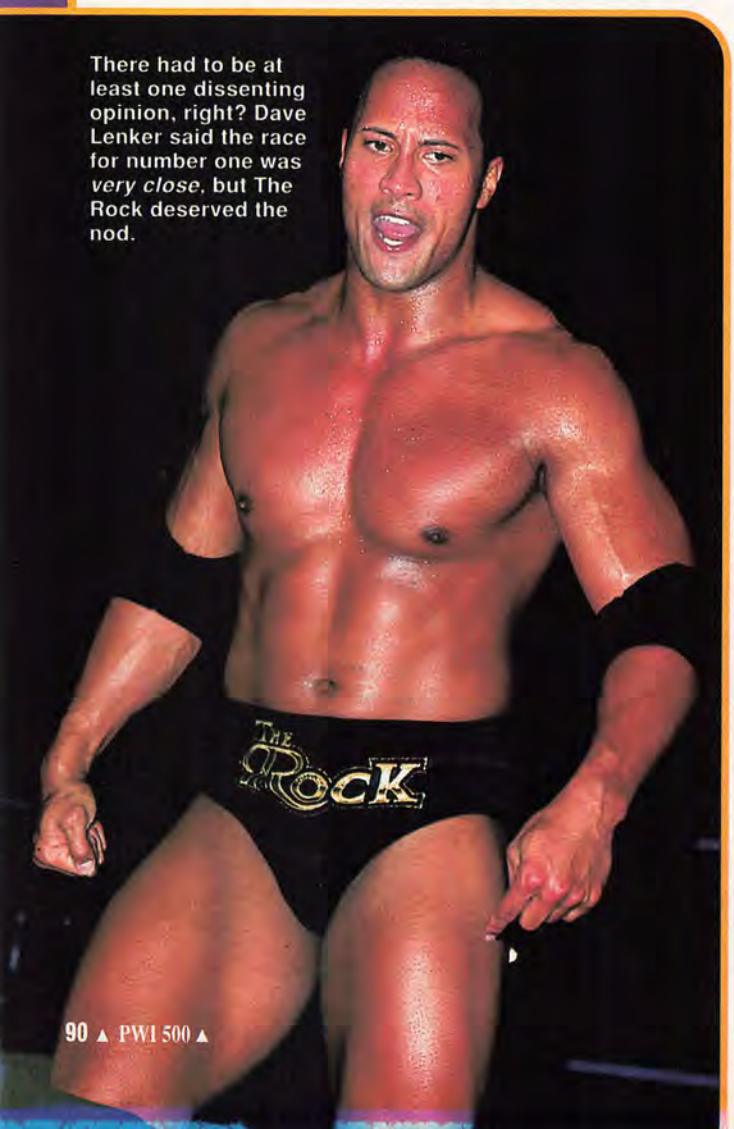
Truthfully, it was more of an argument in favor of The Rock.

When Triple-H reminds us that he is (everybody now) "that damn good," I'm always inclined to agree with him.

He *is* that damn good. And "The Game" had a better year by far than everyone else in the game this year.

Except The Rock.

Okay, right about now you're probably leafing through the title history section of your *PWI Almanac* to see which guys held world titles from August of last year (the beginning of the "grading" period for this year's "500") through the end of 1999.



There had to be at least one dissenting opinion, right? Dave Lenker said the race for number one was *very close*, but The Rock deserved the nod.

And now you're checking through copies of *Inside Wrestling* from this year and reviewing the "Roll Call Of Champions" from each issue.

You're remembering that The Rock didn't win the WWF World title until April 30. Then he lost it back to Triple-H on May 21, only to regain it on June 25 by pinning not Triple-H, but his tag team partner Vince McMahon.

Save for a 12-day break in September, Triple-H held the belt from August 23 of last year through November 14. He regained it on January 3 and held it until April 30.

Forgive me for stealing a catch-phrase, but it doesn't matter how long Triple-H held the title!

You can argue all you want about how all wrestlers cheat to win now and how the fact that Triple-H got a lot of tainted wins was irrelevant, but you might be forgetting one thing: Triple-H and Stephanie ran the WWF during much of that long reign he had at the start of the year. He made Rock go to ridiculous lengths to earn a title shot. When they did clash, The Rock dominated.

When Rock finally got some help in the form of Vince McMahon, it looked like he'd be crowned champion at WrestleMania. Then Vince betrayed him and helped Hunter. It took a second equalizer in the form of Steve Austin for Rock to finally get a fair chance of beating Hunter at Backlash, and he did it.

That title reign probably would not have ended had Undertaker not interfered in the Rock-Triple-H ironman match at Judgment Day. His interference resulted in a DQ loss for Rock in the deciding fall.

I thought at least one of my fellow editors would see the great logic in my argument, but I was up against a determined Triple-H majority. I agreed that the WWF was more interesting with Hunter as champion. I even agreed that Hunter had more memorable matches over the last year than Rock (quite a few of them were *against* Rock, though). But it was so close, I said, that we should give it to Rock because he seems to dominate their matches when there's no outside interference.

No sale.

Will Welsh is even going so far as to insist Helmsley is a stronger number one than any of the other number ones of the last half-decade.

At least he didn't try to argue for El Dandy again this year. □

WILL WELSH'S TAKE ALL HAIL "THE GAME" PWI 500

Did Triple-H really have a chance of *not* being number one in this year's "500"?

Truth be told, yes. For most of the year, Triple-H was running neck-and-neck with then-dominant ECW World champ Mike Awesome. Thankfully (for us, anyway), Awesome's arrival in WCW, where he became more of a "Thriller" than a "Killer," eliminated him from contention. If he hadn't, the problems of last year could have repeated themselves, and we certainly didn't want that.

See, last year, the editorial meeting where we hashed out the "500" wasn't exactly a jovial gathering. One half of the room was solidly behind "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin. The other half was solidly behind ECW's Rob Van Dam. Words were exchanged. So were insults. Threats, too.

Okay, maybe not threats, but insults were flying—and they were rather colorful insults at that. (Brandi's a pretty creative gal, especially around "500" time.)

Not this year, though. This year, Triple-H, Hunter Hearst Helmsley, was the near-unanimous choice for number one. Dave Lenker was the only dissenting voice, and I give him a lot of credit for making a stand. For a while, he reminded me of Henry Fonda in *12 Angry Men.* Only, in this case, Dave couldn't convince even one of the jurors to see things his way. That's how damn good Triple-H was this past year. In fact, looking at the years of the four "500" winners that preceded Triple-H, I'll take a chance and say Triple-H's 1999-00 campaign was the best of the bunch.

Steve Austin (1997-98 and 1998-99): No doubt about it, "Stone-Cold" had one of the best two-year runs in the history of the sport. He stands alongside Bret Hart as one of only two men to take home the "500's" top spot twice. But the "500" isn't a popularity contest—no matter what the Internet pundits believe—and neither of Austin's winning years compare to the winning year that Helmsley just had. Triple-H kept The Rock's act relatively fresh and helped to establish new stars like Chris Jericho and Chris Benoit, something Austin was reportedly reluctant to do even at the height of his popularity. And I don't recall seeing Austin in so many Match of the Year-type matches, and certainly not against opponents as low on the pecking order as Taka Michinoku.

Dean Malenko (1996-97): Sorry, Deano Machino fans, but I never understood Malenko capturing the top spot and probably never will.

Shawn Michaels (1995-96): "Signed Jose Lothario, the man who trained him, as his full-time manager." When that makes the cut as one of the "Top Five Moments Of The Year" for the number-one man in the "500," you know it was a weak field.

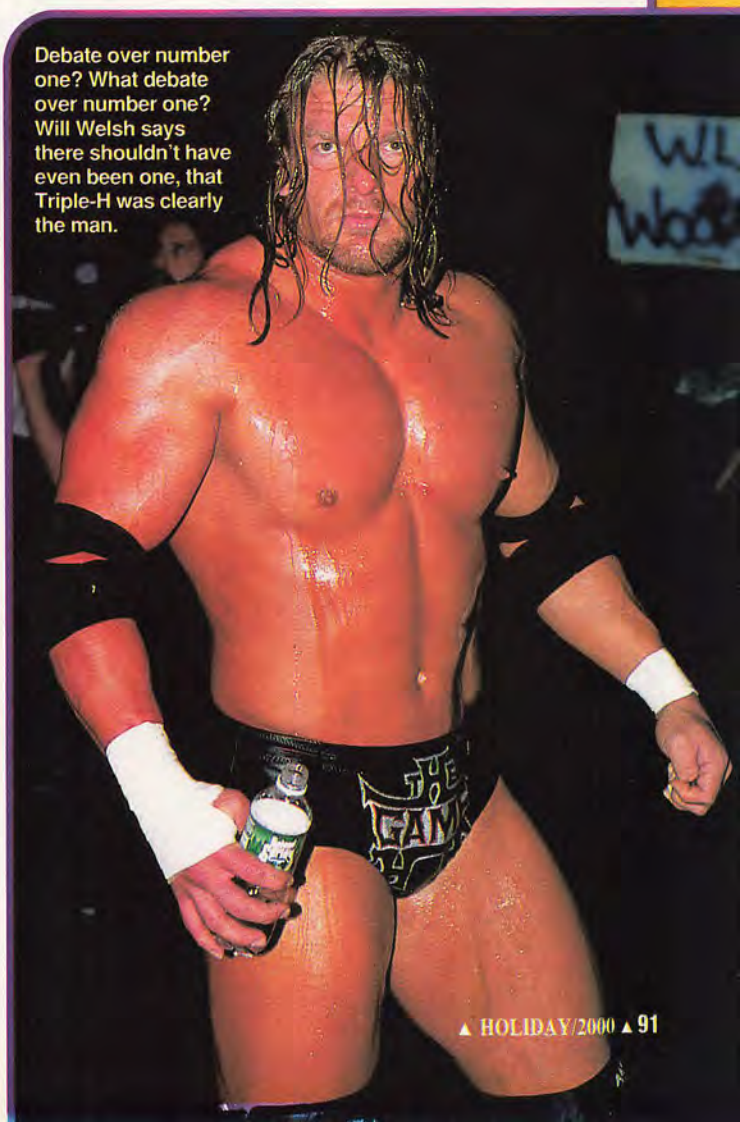
Diesel (1994-95): This is how Diesel's "Where He's Headed" section began: "Although some detractors still insist Diesel is one of the worst WWF World champions ever ..." I was one of those detractors. Need I say more?

One thing that did strike me, however, is that over the last six years, three members of the infamous Kliq have taken home the "500's" top prize.

Is Stu Saks a secret member?

Regardless, Triple-H is the "500's" clear-cut number-one guy this year, and he deserves all the spoils that go along with the honor. (Hunter, here's hoping you can put to good use the deluxe set of Ginsu knives you have coming your way.)

And let me say that I'm already looking forward to next year's "500." I have a feeling it's going to be *just incredible.* □



Debate over number one? What debate over number one? Will Welsh says there shouldn't have even been one, that Triple-H was clearly the man.

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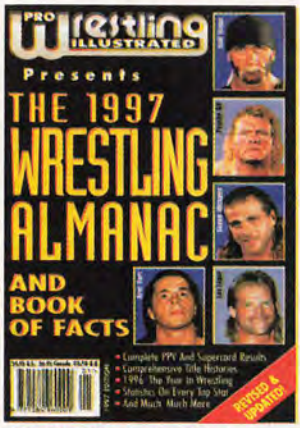

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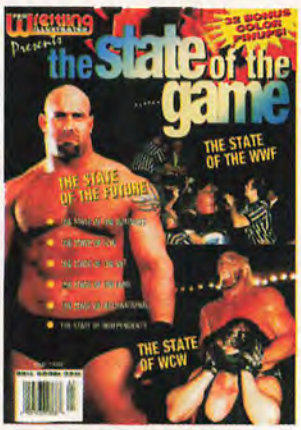

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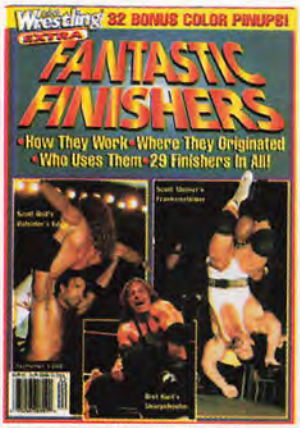

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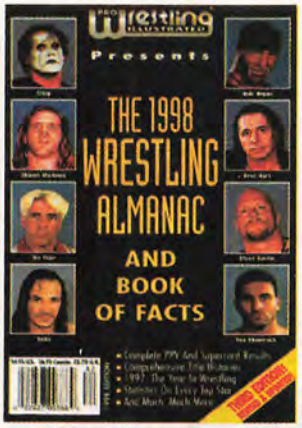

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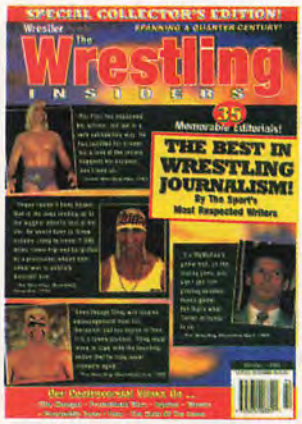
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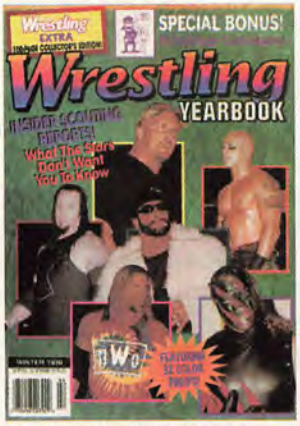

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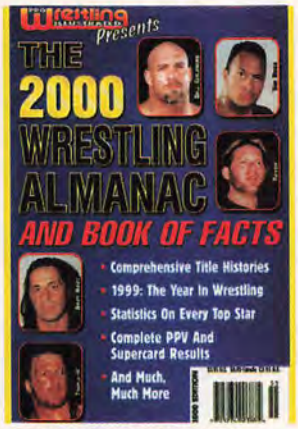
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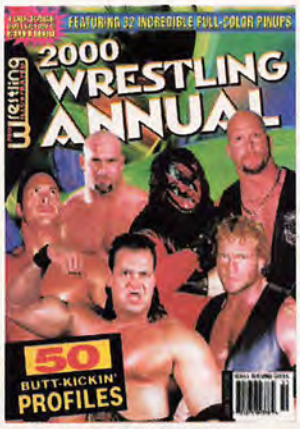

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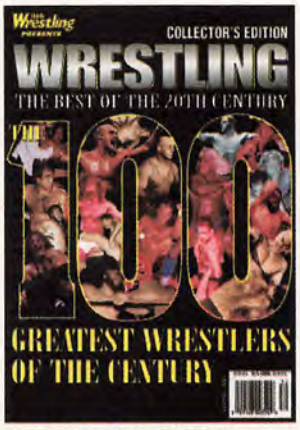

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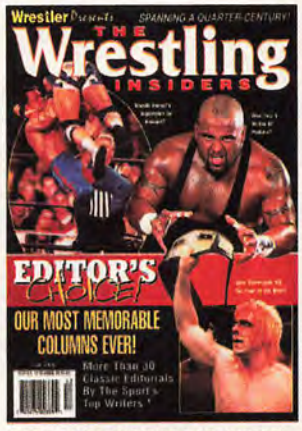

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THE ORIGINAL TOP 25

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In 1991, the editors of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* launched an initiative so bold, they themselves did not know if they would be able to complete the undertaking. Now, 10 years later, the *"PWI* 500" is still wrestling's most daunting journalistic endeavor—and its track record speaks for itself.

Looking at the men who made up the top 25 in 1991, three are still in the top 25 (Scott Steiner, Sid Vicious, and The Great Muta), two more are within the top 50 (Sting and Ric Flair), three more are within the top 100 (Hulk Hogan, Lex Luger, and Big Bossman), and a grand total of 13 have remained competitive enough to stay in the "500" (Rick Steiner, Jerry Lawler, Terry Funk, Curt Hennig, and Stan Hansen), leaving less than half of the original top 25 out of this year's edition completely (Animal, Arn Anderson, Ted DiBiase, Bret Hart, Hawk, Nikita Koloff, Jake Roberts, Randy Savage, Rick Steamboat, The Ultimate Warrior, Steve Williams, and Barry Windham).

The following timeline, beginning with September 1991, outlines some of the important exploits of those original top 25. Enjoy reminiscing.

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November 5, 1991: The Great Muta and partner Hiroshi Hase defeat Rick Steiner and Scott Norton to win the IWGP International tag team title.

November 19, 1991: Rick Steamboat makes his return to WCW and partners with Dustin Rhodes to defeat Arn Anderson and Larry Zbyszko for the WCW World tag team title at Clash of the Champions XVII.

December 6, 1991: Steve Williams and Terry Gordy win All-Japan Pro Wrestling's annual tag team tournament to win the All-Japan International tag team title.

1992

January 16, 1992: Arn Anderson and Bobby Eaton defeat Dustin Rhodes and Rick Steamboat to win the WCW World tag team title.

January 19, 1992: Ric Flair, eight-time former NWA/WCW World champion at the time, captures his first WWF World title by winning the Royal Rumble, lasting a then-record time of 62:02.

January 28, 1992: Stan Hansen defeats Jumbo Tsuruta to win his third All-Japan Triple Crown.

February 7, 1992: Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster defeat Hawk and Animal to win their first of three WWF World tag team titles.

February 29, 1992: Nikita Koloff, after feuding with Sting throughout 1991, comes to Sting's aid when The Dangerous Alliance attacks him following his WCW World title win over Lex Luger at SuperBrawl.

April 5, 1992: Randy Savage defeats Ric Flair at WrestleMania XIII to win his second WWF World title.

August 29, 1992: The Ultimate Warrior defeats WWF World champion Randy Savage by countout at SummerSlam.

January 22, 1994: Lex Luger and Bret Hart are declared the co-winners of the Royal Rumble after both go over the top rope and hit the floor simultaneously.

1993

February 21, 1993: Barry Windham defeats The Great Muta to win the NWA heavyweight title at SuperBrawl.

June 14, 1993: Rick and Scott Steiner defeat Ted DiBiase and Irwin R. Schyster to win their first of two WWF World tag team titles.

August 18, 1993: Arn Anderson and Paul Roma defeat Steve Austin and Lord Steven Regal to win the WCW World tag team title.

1994

July 17, 1994: Hulk Hogan beats Ric Flair at Bash at the Beach to win his first WCW World title.

September 2, 1992: Rick Steamboat beats Steve Austin for the WCW TV title at Clash of the Champions XX.

June 13, 1993: Jerry Lawler piledrives Bret Hart on top of the steel ring steps prior to Hart's coronation at King of the Ring.

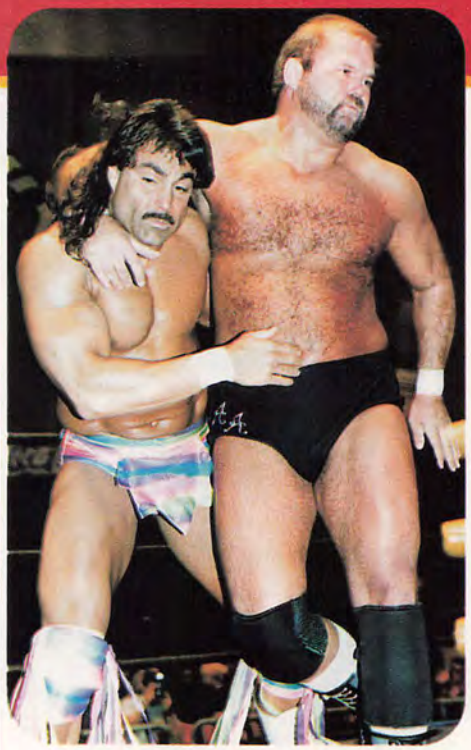
July 4, 1993: Lex Luger bodyslams 589-pound WWF World champion Yokozuna on the deck of the U.S.S. Intrepid at the "Stars & Stripes Challenge."

December 26, 1993: Terry Funk defeats Sabu to win his first of two ECW heavyweight titles.

January 4, 1994: Hawk and Kensuke Sasaki defeat Scott Norton and Hercules to capture their second IWGP International tag team title.

March 11, 1993: Sting defeats Big Van Vader in London to win his third NWA/WCW World title.

January 8, 1995: Arn Anderson defeats Johnny B. Badd to win the WCW TV title.



January 23, 1996: Hawk and Animal reunite at WCW's Clash of the Champions XXXII in Las Vegas.

December 3, 1994: Randy Savage makes his WCW debut on a live broadcast of *WCW Saturday Night*.

May 19, 1995: Big Bossman, as Big Bubba Rogers in WCW, defeats Sting at Uncensored.

September 4, 1995: Top WWF star Lex Luger shocks the wrestling world by returning to WCW and appearing on the debut of *WCW Monday Nitro*.

June 23, 1996: Jake Roberts advances to the finals of the King of the Ring tournament, but loses in the final round to "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin.

July 7, 1996: Hulk Hogan reveals himself to be the third Outsider when he joins Scott Hall and Kevin Nash in the creation of the NWO at Bash at the Beach.

1995

May 3, 1995: The Great Muta beats Shinya Hashimoto to win his second IWGP heavyweight title.

July 22, 1995: The Ultimate Warrior defeats The Honky Tonk Man in his first match in more than two years in front of 2,000 fans in Las Vegas.

December 27, 1995: Ric Flair defeats Randy Savage to win his 11th NWA/WCW World title, his 13th world title overall.

January 24, 1996: Stan Hansen and Gary Albright defeat Toshiaki Kawada and Akira Taue to win the All-Japan International tag team title.

June 29, 1996: Sid Vicious ends his retirement and returns to the WWF, defeating Owen Hart in Detroit.

July 28, 1994: Steve Williams defeats Mitsuharu Misawa to win the All-Japan Pro Wrestling Triple Crown.

December 28, 1997: Sting emerges from a 15-month self-imposed exile and defeats Hollywood Hogan at Starrcade to win his fourth WCW World title.

September 5, 1996: Steve Williams and Johnny Ace defeat Mitsuharu Misawa and Jun Akiyama to win the All-Japan International tag team title.

1997

March 25, 1997: Bret Hart turns rulebreaker and reunites with brother Owen and brother-in-law Davey Boy Smith to form The New Hart Foundation.

August 25, 1997: Arn Anderson publicly retires and turns over the Horsemen's "Enforcer" mantle to Curt Hennig.

October 7, 1997: Hawk and Animal defeat Henry and Phineas Godwinn to win their second WWF World tag team title.

1998

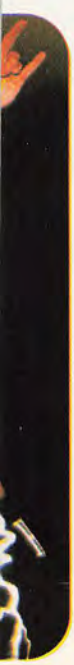
February 17, 1998: Randy Savage receives the prestigious Harvard Lampoon's 1998 Real Man of the Year award. The award is given each year to the male who best exemplifies universal manliness.

November 16, 1996: Terry Funk returns to ECW at November to Remember, teaming with Tommy Dreamer to beat Brian Lee and Shane Douglas.

August 4, 1997: Ted DiBiase, having left WCW months before, returns to WCW to manage the Steiner brothers in their battles with the NWO.

September 14, 1997: Curt Hennig turns against the Horsemen and joins the NWO at Fall Brawl.

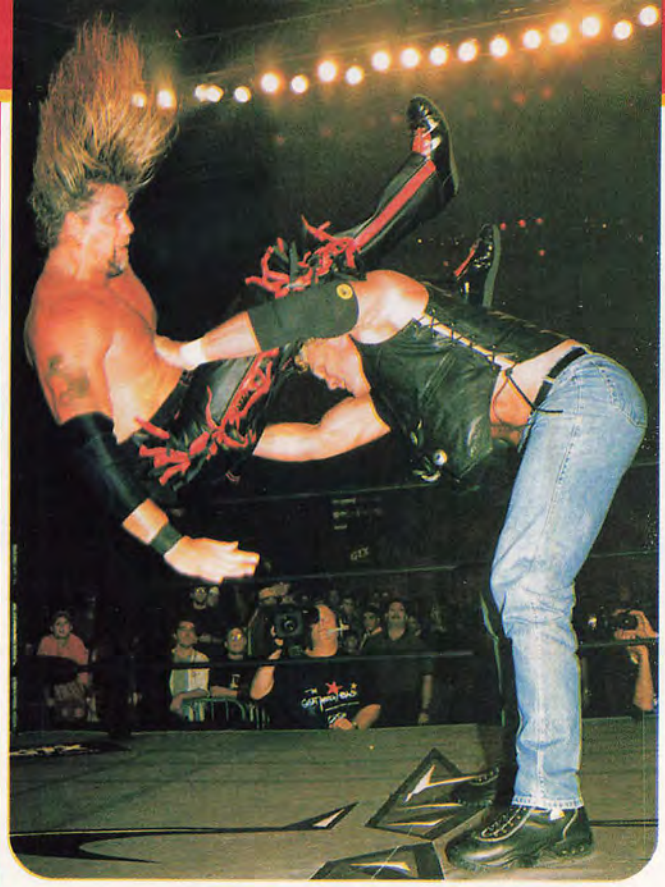
November 9, 1997: Bret Hart attacks Vince McMahon following his controversial WWF World title loss to Shawn Michaels at Survivor Series.



August 19, 1996: Ted DiBiase makes his first *Nitro* appearance when he sits at ringside to observe the matches. He would later reveal himself to be the money man of the NWO.

July 13, 1997: Curt Hennig, wrestling in his first match in nearly four years, turns against Dallas Page during their Bash at the Beach match with the NWO's Scott Hall and Kevin Nash.

June 12, 1999: Sid Vicious makes a surprise return to WCW by interrupting a match between World champ Kevin Nash and Randy Savage at The Great American Bash. He power-bombs Nash and aligns himself with Savage.



September 14, 1998: Ric Flair, despite being deadlocked in a legal battle with WCW, makes an emotional return to *Nitro* when he joins Arn Anderson, Dean Malenko, Steve McMichael, and Chris Benoit for a Four Horsemen reunion.

November 26, 1998: Hulk Hogan announces his retirement on *The Tonight Show*, indicating he will run for the President of the United States in 2000.

August 17, 1998: The Ultimate Warrior debuts in WCW.

November 25, 1998: Rick Steiner, after having his scheduled partner, Buff Bagwell, walk out on him, defeats The Giant and Scott Steiner to win the WCW World tag team title.

1999

May 19, 1999: Rick Steamboat returns to the national spotlight by jokingly confronting former arch-rival Ric Flair at the Brian Pillman Memorial Show.

August 23, 1999: Barry Windham and brother Kendall defeat Harlem Heat to win the WCW World tag team title.

September 12, 1999: Sting turns rulebreaker for the first time in 13 years by walloping Hulk Hogan with a bat to win his seventh NWA/WCW World title at Fall Brawl.

November 30, 1998: Big Bossman defeats Mankind to win his first of four WWF hardcore titles.

October 5, 1999: Jerry Lawler places third in a 15-candidate race for Memphis mayor, taking 12 percent of the vote.

May 23, 2000: Terry Funk defeats Shane Douglas and Norman Smiley to win the WCW hardcore title.

July 9, 2000: Nikita Koloff, long since retired, returns to the ring at a World Xtreme Wrestling card as the second for Vladimir Koloff for Vladimir's match with The Inferno Kid.

July 10, 2000: The Great Muta returns to WCW in Jacksonville, Florida.

2000

October 10, 1999: Jake Roberts embarrasses himself by making lewd and obscene gestures during the main event of the Heroes of Wrestling pay-per-view, an event featuring many WWF stars of the 1980s.

November 21, 1999: Bret Hart becomes only the seventh man to hold both the NWA/WCW and WWF world titles by beating Chris Benoit in the final round of a 32-man tournament.

January 25, 2000: Sid Vicious, after being stripped of the WCW World title earlier in the evening by WCW Commissioner Kevin Nash (he had beaten Nash one night prior to win the vacant title), defeats Nash to reclaim the title.

April 16, 2000: Scott Steiner defeats Sting in a tournament final to win the U.S. title for a second time.

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13. Choke
14. Claw
15. Clothesline
16. Cross body block
17. Double axehandle
18. Drop kick
19. Eagle split
20. Elbow smash
21. Eye gouge
22. Face rake
23. Fireman's carry ram
24. Flying body press
25. Flying clothesline
26. Flying drop kick
27. Flying elbow drop
28. Flying head butt
29. Flying mare
30. Forearm smash
31. Foreign object
32. Full nelson
33. Giant swing
34. Grapevine
35. Hair pulling
36. Hammerlock
37. Head lock
38. Head stomp
39. Heart punch
40. Hip roll
41. Irish whip
42. Knee drop
43. Leglock
44. Manager interference
45. Monkey flip
46. Overhead toss
47. Pole ram
48. Reverse chinlock
49. Rolling scissors
50. Rope burn
51. Savate kick
52. Scissors grip
53. Shoulder breaker
54. Slingshot
55. Snap mare
56. Step-over toe hold
57. Suplex
58. Surfboard
59. Turnbuckle smash
60. Wristlock

SET-UP HOLDS

61. Abdominal stretch
62. Atomic drop
63. Avalanche
64. Backbreaker
65. Backroll press
66. Belly to belly
67. Big splash
68. Boston crab
69. Brain buster
70. Bulldog
71. Camel clutch
72. Cobra clutch
73. Cradle
74. Crucifix
75. DDT
76. Figure four
77. Flying leg drop
78. Gourd buster
79. Indian death lock
80. Neckbreaker
81. Piledriver
82. Power bomb
83. Power slam
84. Russian sickle
85. Sleeper
86. Slingshot suplex
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90. Superplex

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ACHIEVEMENT 2000

Vote For The YEAR'S BEST WRESTLERS & MATCHES!

The pressure's on! *You* are on the hotseat! This is *your* chance to change the course of the history of this industry, so you can't afford to screw this up! It's time for you to vote in 11 categories for the PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED Achievement 2000 Awards!

THE EYES OF the wrestling world are once again staring at the pages of this magazine. Every year at this time, you, our loyal readers, must answer the sport's most important questions:

Who were the best wrestlers of the past year? Who improved the most? The most inspiring wrestler? The top rookie? The top woman (new this year)? The most popular and most hated? What has been the best tag team? What's been the greatest match? The wildest feud? The most impressive comeback? And who deserves that highest of all honors: Wrestler of the Year?

*The answers to these questions are determined by wrestling's true experts—you, the readers of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED. It is up to you to cast your votes for the best of the past year—the **PWI** Achievement 2000 Awards.*

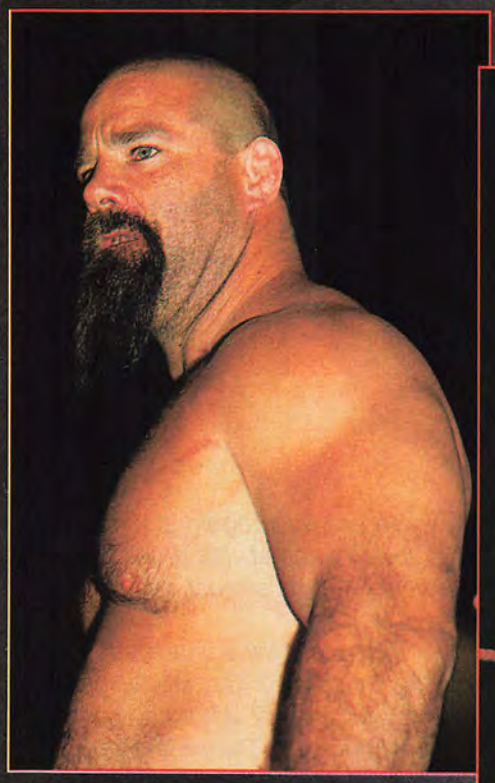
In this special section, descriptions of the various categories are included along with a listing of some of this year's top candidates, and reasons why you might want to vote for these candidates. Read the descriptions and take some time to think about your choices for the various awards; your choices, of course, are never limited to the top contenders listed. Then cast your votes on the ballot provided on page 113 and mail it in.

*When you're finished voting, be sure to include some special **Unofficial Official** awards. This extra category asks you to come up with your own award categories and name the recipients of those awards. Don't be afraid to be outlandish or ridiculous—the more creative the better! Some of the better awards from last year were … Donates Enough Blood To Get A Whole Box Of Cookies: Mahoney … Don't Send In The Clowns: Insane Clown Posse … Hey, Dorothy, Take Your Red Shoes And Go Back To Oz: Ernest Miller … S-S-S-Sellouts: The Dudley Boyz … The Intimate Warrior: Val Venis.*

Finally, don't forget to include some outrageous predictions for wrestling in 2001. The stranger the better!

*Results of the Achievement 2000 fan poll will be printed in the spectacular all-color year-end issue of PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED, cover-dated April 2001, which hits the newsstands on or about January 23. In order for your vote to count, we **must** receive your ballot no later than December 10, but the sooner we get it, the better.*

*This is the most respected and prestigious fan poll in all of professional wrestling, and the results will be closely examined by fans and professionals alike. **Every** vote counts. Your voice **must** be heard. Fill in and mail your ballot today!*



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

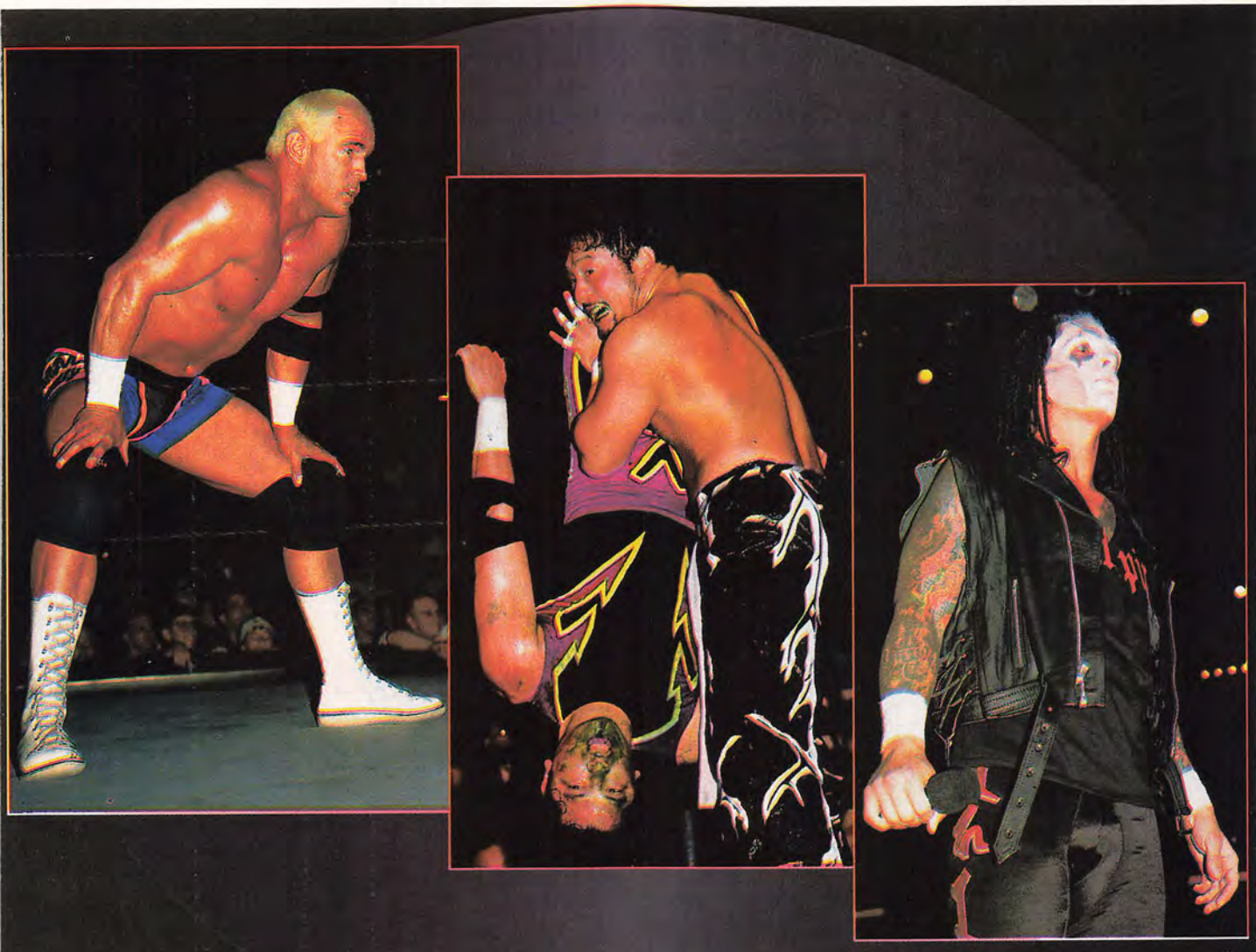
The man or woman you select as Rookie of the Year must fulfill two qualifications: He/she must not have been a winner/runner-up in last year's vote and should have yet to complete his/her second full year as a pro by the time December 31, 2000, rolls around. A vote for Rookie of the Year is a vote for a possible future superstar—and world champion.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Tank Abbott	Three Count groupie with a huge right hand
Kurt Angle	He's the favorite. It's true!
Daffney	Has shown potential in the ring (when not screaming)
Pete Gas	Laugh if you want, but he's a former WWF hardcore champ!
Mark Jindrak & Sean O'Haire	An impressive *Nitro* debut for this team
Lita	Tough, agile, fearless, and you gotta love those pants!
Stephanie McMahon	She was a champion for most of the year
Chuck Palumbo	Managed to get Lex Luger all riled up
Prodigy	ECW-mid-carder in search of a push
Rodney	Can you really pick him over Pete Gas?
Trish Stratus	She gave Lita more problems than we expected

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

For Most Improved Wrestler of the Year, pick someone who, throughout 2000, has worked the hardest to improve himself or herself as a wrestler ... the man or woman who has struggled to learn several new maneuvers ... who has captured a major title for the first time. This wrestler can be a rulebreaker or a scientific wrestler, but the improvement should have been considerable and notable.

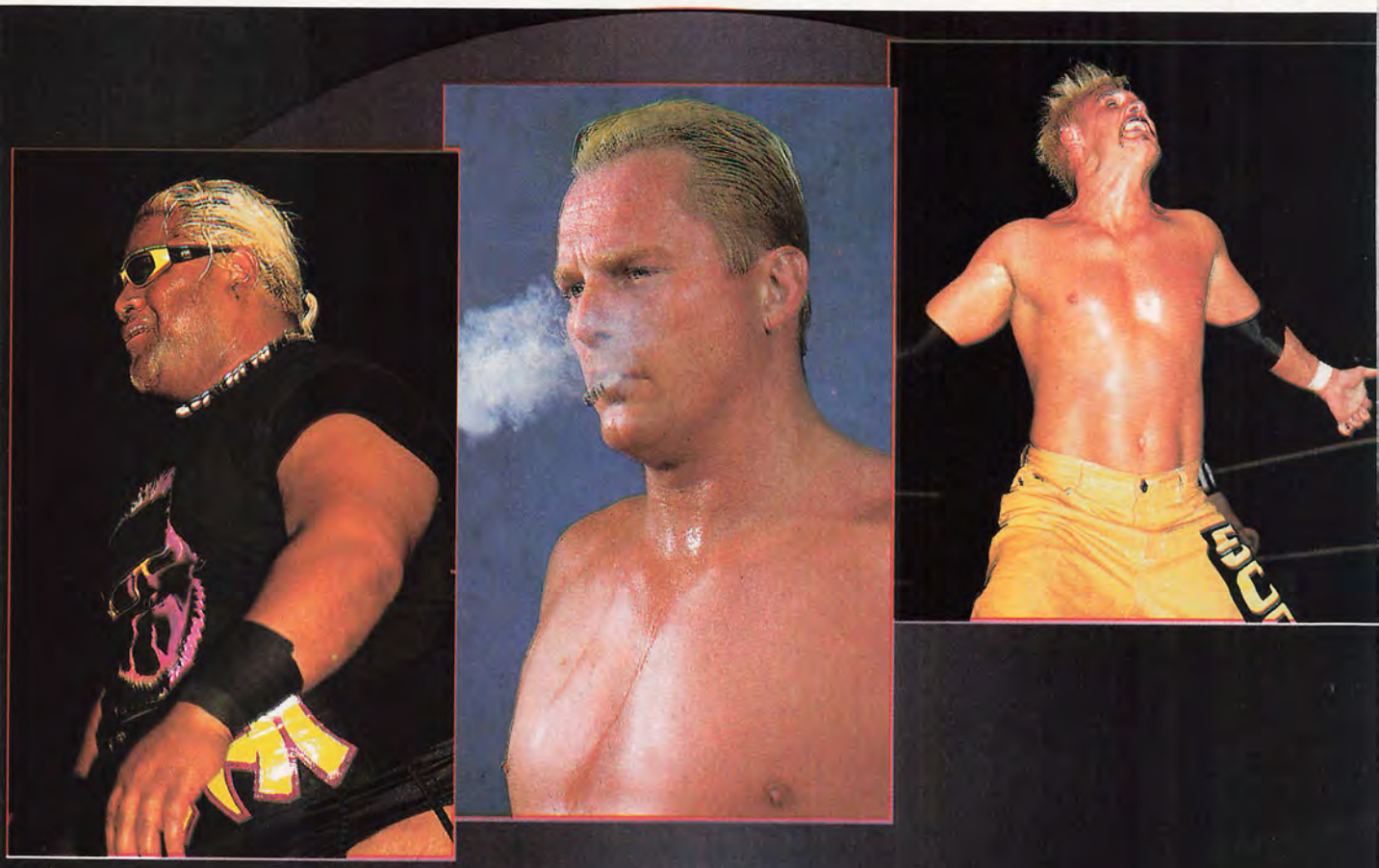
THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Big Vito	He's one hardcore *paisan!*
Justin Credible	"Al-do!" chants faded fast
The Dudley Boyz	Proved they could get over in the biggest of the big time
Triple-H	Worked damn hard to become that damn good
Hardcore Holly	Tougher than anyone ever realized
Chris Jericho	Y2J became a main-eventer in Y2K
Kid Kash	Big winning streak against ECW mid-carders
Rhino	Can do a lot more than gore
Rikishi	A lot more to him than a simple stink face
Scotty Too Hotty	And not just an improved persona
Lance Storm	Three belts in less than two months in WCW
Yoshihiro Tajiri	A high-flyer who's hardcore now, too!
Vampiro	Certainly got a lot spookier—just ask Sting!

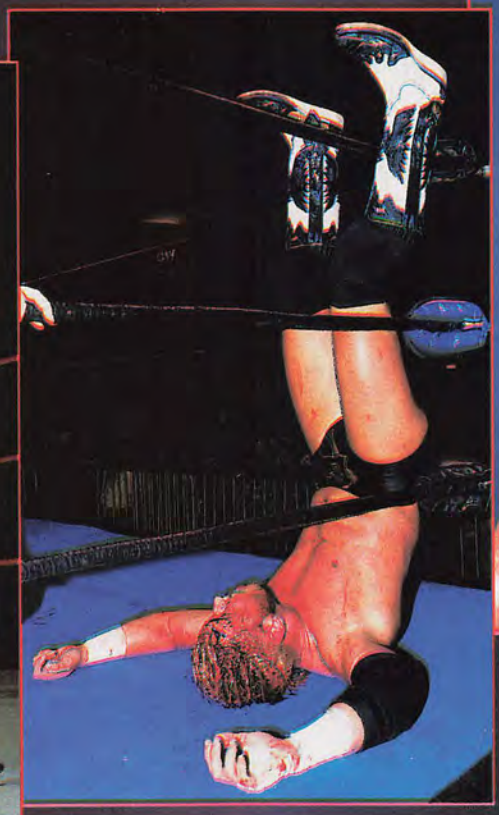


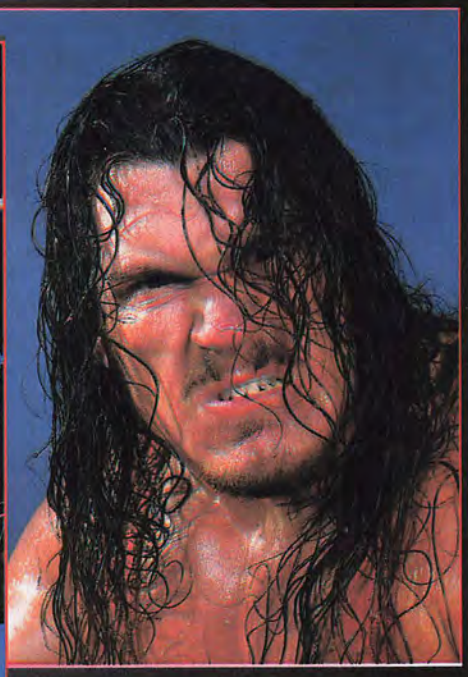
MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

Popularity used to be self-explanatory: cheers, adoration, and the love of the fans. But now rulebreakers seem to be the ones fans love. In many cases, the badder the wrestler is, the more the fans love him. But this is still a special award in that the winner is a success in the hearts of the fans, regardless of his success in the ring. The wrestler (or team) who receives the loudest cheers is the best choice for this category.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Booker T	A world champ who paid his dues
The Dudley Boyz	Everybody loves a table!
Ric Flair	Russo won't be voting for him
Mick Foley	Left just the way he wanted to
The Godfather	Think back to when he wasn't The *Good* Father
The Hardy Boyz	Can't get enough of their daredevil tactics, can you?
Hulk Hogan	Russo won't be voting for him, either
Chris Jericho	Did you *e-e-ever* think he'd be *this* over?
Kevin Nash	Has he done enough to deserve it?
Dallas Page	Last year's Most *Hated!*
Rikishi	Gotta love watching him back that ass up
Raven	ECW fans loved him no matter what he did
The Rock	Smellin' a second straight win here
The Sandman	Not exactly a role model—but who cares!
Scotty Too Hotty	Everybody now ... "W-O-R-M"
Sting	Not a great year, but still gets cheered
Yoshihiro Tajiri	ECW fans liked seeing his evil side
The Undertaker	From evil sorcerer to biker dude
Rob Van Dam	No one forgot about him while he was hurt



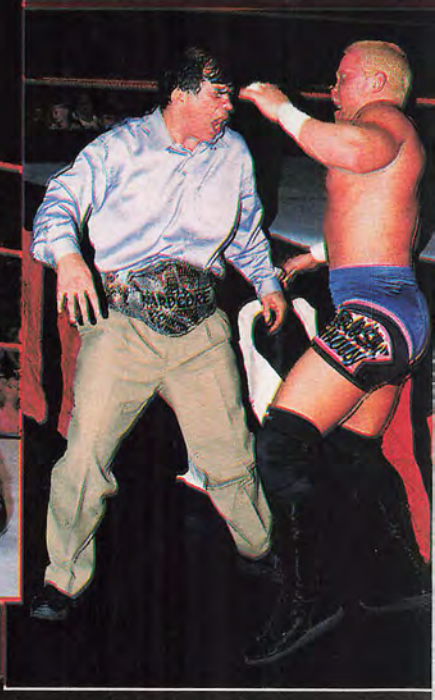




MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

The flip side of popularity: jeers and utter contempt from the public. Some wrestlers openly court the fans' hatred; others just don't care what they think. Who hears the loudest boos? That really is the only consideration in choosing your Most Hated Wrestler of the Year.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Kurt Angle	Does he realize how obnoxious he is?
Chris Benoit	Cold, calculating "Crippler"
The Big Show	Hanging with Shane McMahon won't make you popular
Big Bossman	Remember that Big Show feud!
Steve Corino	Antagonizing Dusty Rhodes was foolish
Justin Credible	Cane-wielding sadist won ECW title and got Francine
Simon Diamond	ECW fans just don't like the guy
Shane Douglas	He loved stealing Torrie Wilson from Kidman
Bill Goldberg	Sold out to Bischoff and Russo
Triple-H	Revels in the hatred of the fans
Jeff Jarrett	"The Chosen One"? Yeah, you told us
Chris Kanyon	Annoying in so many ways
Shane McMahon	Just as evil as his pops
Vince McMahon	He played the hero for a few weeks
Rhino	Think Sandman's wife might vote for him?
Steven Richards	WWF fans don't like censorship
Scott Steiner	Explosive temper makes him so scary
Lance Storm	No one should be *that* proud of his heritage
Tazz	Admits he lives a thug's life
Vampiro	No end to his sinister mind games



INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

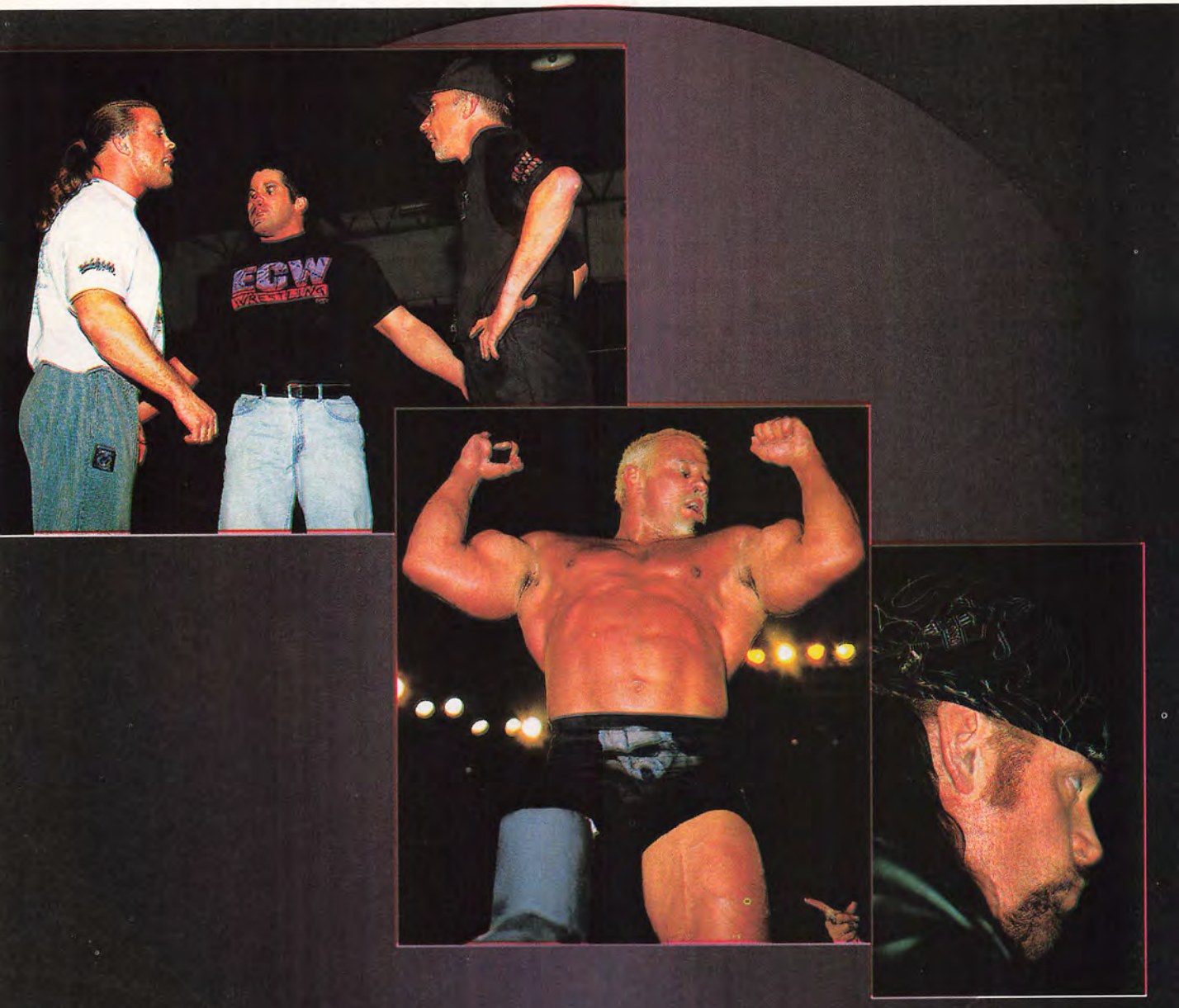
Wrestling is an open arena in which an athlete's personal and physical strengths and weaknesses are on display for all to see. Sometimes a wrestler comes up against a seemingly insurmountable obstacle in his career. How he deals with that roadblock—and whether he can turn a failure into a success—can offer inspiration to fans everywhere.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Bam Bam Bigelow	Risked his life to rescue kids from a fire
Blue Boy	Lost 120 pounds and looks fabulous
Booker T	The hard work really paid off
Chyna	Showed she was a deserving I-C champ
Tommy Dreamer	Finally got his first ECW World title
Hacksaw Duggan	Bounced back from cancer—and went after Goldberg
Ric Flair	Courageously battled his own son
Mick Foley	Walked away just the way he wanted to
Jeff Hardy	Risks his well-being just to entertain us
Crash Holly	That 24/7 hardcore title gig was a tough one
Genichiro Tenryu	Left New Japan to help save All-Japan

COMEBACK OF THE YEAR

Here's an opportunity to honor a competitor who had a big year after suffering through a long losing streak, being in a long period of stagnation, or being out of the sport entirely. The wrestler selected for this award must be presently active on a full-time basis.

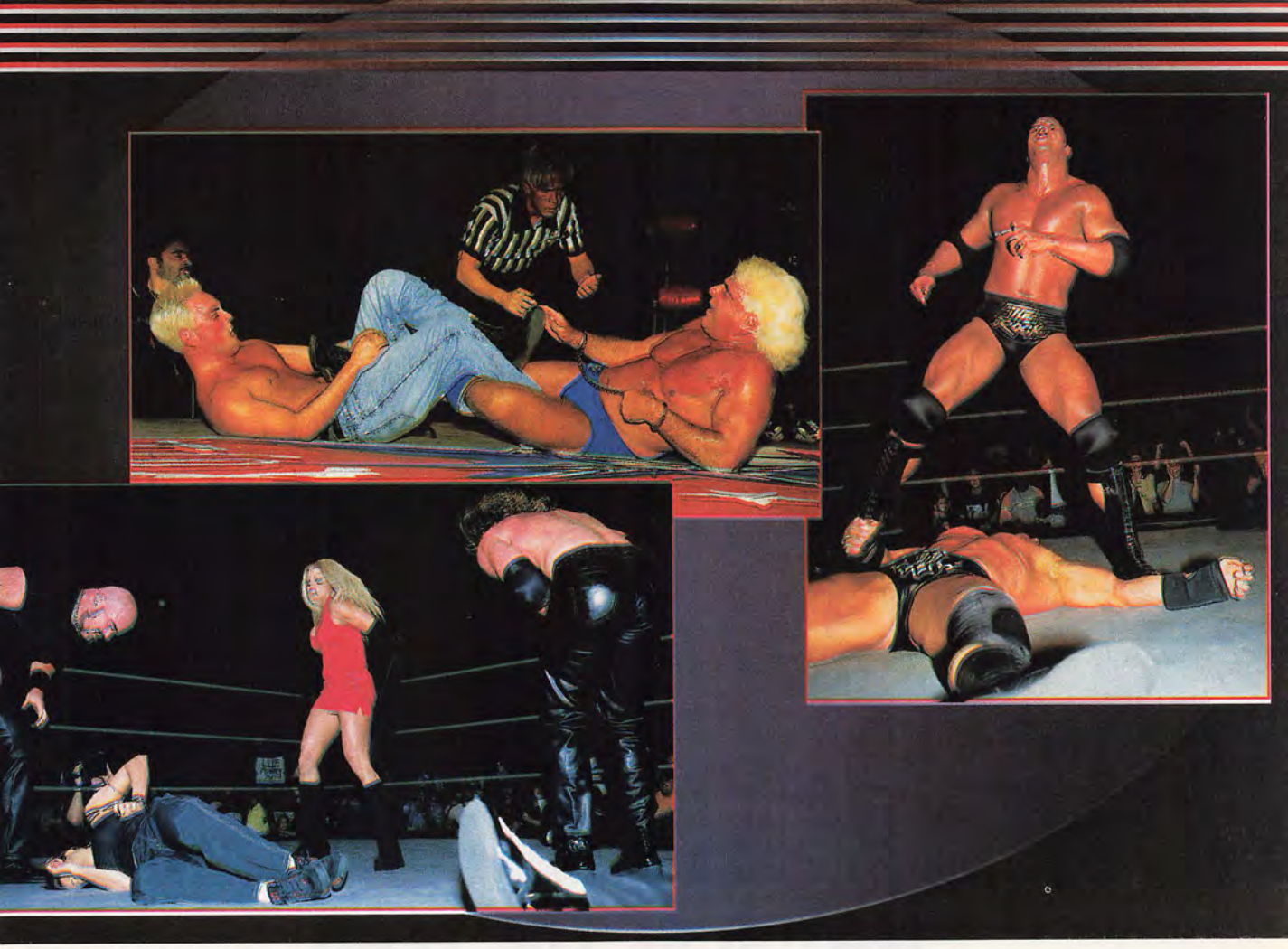
THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Scotty Anton	Van Dam wishes he had stayed away
Booker T	Struggled for much of the year, then became a world champ
Bryan Clark	Injuries had kept Kronic star out for a long time
Dusty Rhodes	Corino found out this old man isn't *that* old
Rikishi	Anyone know where he was a year ago?
Scott Steiner	Looked like back surgery might end his career
The Undertaker	Took eight months off, then jumped back into WWF title scene
Rob Van Dam	Broken ankle healed quite nicely



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Women are playing more prominent roles in wrestling than ever before. During the last year, we've seen a female Intercontinental champ in the WWF (Chyna) and a female cruiserweight champ in WCW (Madusa). But you need not vote for a woman wrestler. Valets/managers are important, too. In this brand new category, we just ask that you simply vote for the woman you think made the biggest impact.

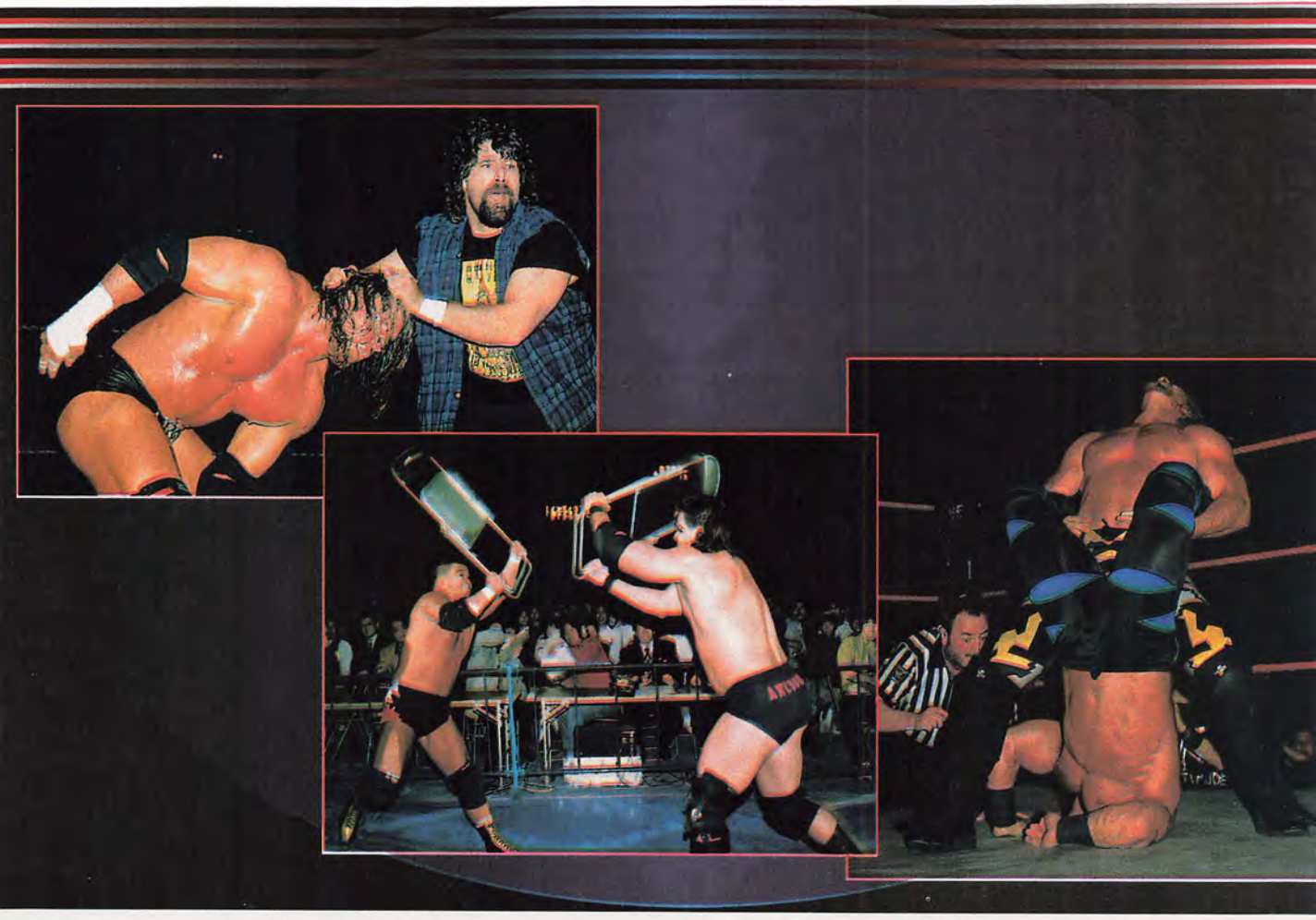
THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Chyna	Another big year for this *mamacita*
Daffney	Would have been great in *Scream*
Dawn Marie	Took her time choosing a new ECW man
Elizabeth	Maybe for the first half
Francine	Certainly got around in ECW
Major Gunns	Yeah, Major Gunns indeed!
Miss Hancock	Didn't do that much, but did she have to?
Ivory	Last year was stronger for her
Jacquelyn	Hurt by a stunning loss to Steph
Jazz	Tough enough to be Tommy Dreamer's partner
The Kat	Feud with Terri should count for something
Lita	Has an absolutely gorgeous ... moonsault
Madusa	Briefly a cruiserweight champ in WCW
Stephanie McMahon	We see Vince's little girl as the front-runner
Kimberly Page	Betrayed DDP, then disappeared
Paisley	Did her best to push The Artist
Trish Stratus	Downright wicked with a strap in her hand
Terri	Saucy little she-devil
Tori	Paid the price for taunting the Dudleys
Torrie Wilson	Kidman knows all about her wicked side
Mae Young	We hope we never see those puppies again



FEUD OF THE YEAR

Every year there are wars that capture the imagination of fans for months on end. The criterion is simple: Your choice for Feud of the Year should be that one continuing series of battles (verbal and/or physical)—lasting at least two months—that you feel has dominated the careers of the participants to the exclusion of all other activities. Special note: The wrestlers you select for Feud of the Year need not have wrestled each other numerous times.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Mike Awesome vs. Spike Dudley	Little Spike wasn't as overmatched as we expected
Chris Benoit vs. The Rock	Scientific master vs. people's champ
Steve Corino vs. Dusty Rhodes	Old school vs. hardcore legend
Justin Credible vs. Tommy Dreamer	More than Francine's affections was at stake
Shane Douglas vs. Ric Flair	Finally, "The Franchise" got his match with the "Nature Boy"
David Flair/Vince Russo vs. Ric Flair	The feud Ric never wanted to happen
Bill Goldberg vs. Scott Steiner	We haven't seen the last of this
Triple-H vs. Chris Jericho	What did Y2J call Stephanie?
Triple-H vs. The Rock	This one has lasted a while, hasn't it?
Hulk Hogan vs. Billy Kidman	Kidman would like to forget this one
Jeff Jarrett vs. Sid Vicious	Quite intense for a few months
Kane vs. X-Pac	Tori was in the middle of this one
Lita vs. Trish Stratus	Both beauties brought some attitude
The Great Muta vs. Atsushi Onita	This one got ugly in New Japan
Rhino vs. The Sandman	Sandman struggled but never gave up
Rikishi vs. Val Venis	Surprisingly intense war here
Sting vs. Vampiro	Remember how hot this one was?



MATCH OF THE YEAR

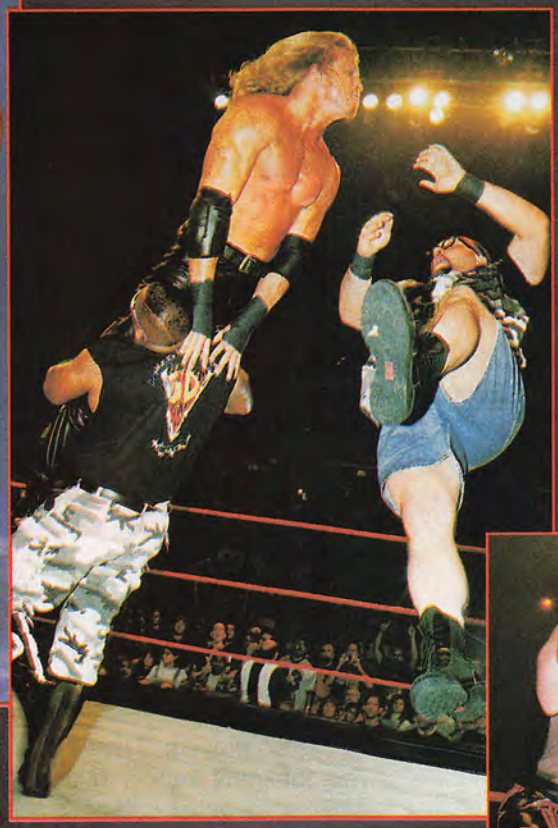
Every wrestling fan, at one time or another, thinks, *That was one of the greatest matches I've ever seen.* If that happened to you this year, you know what this category is all about. The bout chosen as Match of the Year might well have historical significance (such as a major title change or a loser-leaves-town match), though that is not a specific requirement. ***(Editor's note: Please remember to give consideration to matches that occurred after the press date of this issue.)***

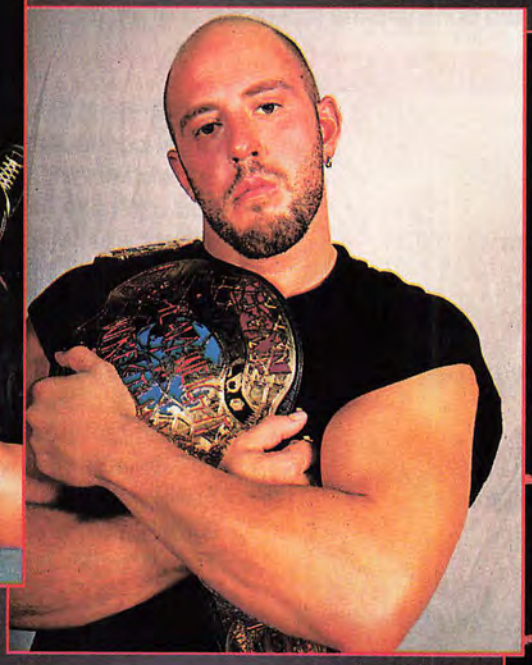
THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Super Crazy vs. Yoshihiro Tajiri (January 15)	Awesome Mexican death match
Triple-H vs. Cactus Jack (January 23)	Hunter shined in this bloody streetfight
Mike Awesome vs. Masato Tanaka (February 5)	Just another classic from these two
Triple-H, X-Pac, Perry Saturn, Dean Malenko, & Chris Benoit vs. The Rock, Cactus Jack, Rikishi, & Too Cool (February 7)	Crowd reaction made this special
Triple-H vs. Cactus Jack (February 27)	Cactus' last appearance was a "Hell In A Cell" bloodbath
Edge & Christian vs.The Dudley Boyz vs. The Hardy Boyz (April 2)	Tables and ladders made for lots of fun
Triple-H vs. The Rock vs. Mick Foley vs. The Big Show (April 2)	Surprise finish in WrestleMania main event
Jeff Jarrett vs. Dallas Page (April 16)	Jarrett finally grabs the WCW belt
Chris Benoit vs. Chris Jericho (April 30)	You'd expect nothing less than a classic here
Jeff Jarrett vs. Dallas Page vs. David Arquette (May 7)	*David Arquette* in a Match of the Year?
Jerry Lynn vs. Rob Van Dam (May 14)	Another great one from two of ECW's best
Triple-H vs. The Rock (May 21)	They both proved they're ironmen
Chris Benoit vs. Steven Regal (May 25)	Scientific clinic at Pillman Memorial Show
Booker T vs. Jeff Jarrett (July 9)	A match that wasn't even scheduled for Bash at the Beach!
Triple-H vs. Chris Jericho (July 23)	Hunter was the last man standing (barely)

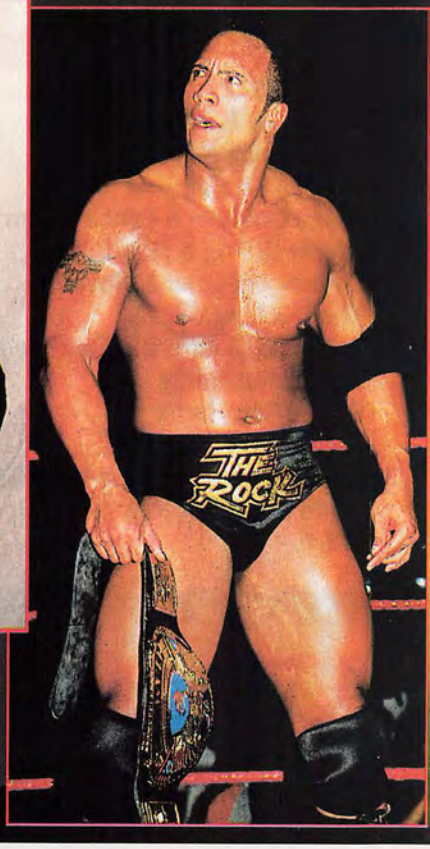
TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

The second most honored Achievement Award. Experience, skill, and success all count in this category, though whether a team is scientific or rulebreaking should make no difference. A Tag Team of the Year should be more than simply a great pairing; it should dominate the federation in which it competes—and, truly, the sport itself.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Big Vito & Johnny the Bull	Strong early in the year
Bradshaw & Faarooq	Great bodyguards, mean tag team
Chris Chetti & Nova	Showed potential, but a longshot at best
Christian & Edge	You can't say they're not entertaining
Justin Credible & Lance Storm	Impact was felt in the first half
Danny Doring & Roadkill	See Chetti and Nova
Tommy Dreamer & Raven	A combustible pairing that worked for a while
The Dudley Boyz	You want tables? They have your tables
Juventud Guerrera & Rey Misterio Jr.	Filthy Animals did well in second half
Jeff & Matt Hardy	Is there a more exciting tandem in the game?
Don & Ron Harris	Remember these guys?
Kronic	The Briyans are two intimidating powerhouses
Yuji Nagata & Manabu Nakanishi	Absolutely dominant in New Japan
Road Dogg & X-Pac	DX boys were steady yet unspectacular
T & A	Trish brought out their mean streak







WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

This is the top honor. The winner of this award should be the one person who has personified the essence of professional wrestling throughout 2000. Talent, skill, and achievement are the three prerequisites for this category. The competitor chosen as Wrestler of the Year should be the most well-rounded athlete in the sport—and the most accomplished of the year.

THE CANDIDATE	THE SKINNY
Mike Awesome	Awesome in ECW, not bad in WCW
Chris Benoit	Quickly moved up on the WWF card
Booker T	Years of hard work paid off with a world title win
Justin Credible	Who would have thought he'd bring stability to ECW title picture?
Triple-H	Top dog in "500" and maybe this, too?
Jeff Jarrett	Did "The Chosen One" earn his success in WCW?
Chris Jericho	Y2J loved playing "The Game"
Kenta Kobashi	The dominant man in All-Japan
Jushin Liger	World's top junior had another big year
Rhino	Gored his way to a big ECW TV title win
The Rock	Finally, The Rock is Wrestler of the Year?
Kensuke Sasaki	Number-one heavyweight in New Japan
Scott Steiner	*You* tell him he's not a leading candidate!
Sid Vicious	The first three months count for something

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